



Make It and Take It: Visual Supports for Learning

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What are Visual Supports?

- Visual supports are a way to take what a student hears and put it into picture/word form.
- Key features
 - Target a specific concern, behavior or skill
 - Offer more information about positive/desired behaviors than negative
 - Include a plan for reinforcement
 - Be portable and durable
 - Fit the environment
 - Be customized for each learner

Visual Supports are an effective instructional tool...

- “Visual supports *organize a sequence of events*, enhancing the student’s ability to understand, anticipate and participate in those events.
- Visual supports *supplement verbal instruction*, clarifying the information for the student and increasing comprehension.
- Visual supports can be used to *cue communication*, providing reminders of what to do and say in a situation.”

Quill, 1995

Types of Visual Supports

Common Types

- Visual Schedules
- Mini Schedules
- First Then Displays
- Choice Boards
- Rule Reminder Cards
- Visual Task Analysis
- Social Stories

Less Common Types

- Contingency Plans
- Contracts
- Visual Scenes
- Countdown Displays
- Calendars
- Video Modeling

Pre-Teaching

- PowerPoint Templates
 - On the desktop today, at www.cotting.org next week
 - Navigating PowerPoint
- Finding Pictures
 - Google Images, Flickr, WikiHow, Instructables
 - A word or two about copyright law
- Laminating
 - Cut, laminate, cut
 - The glue trick
- Velcro
 - The Velcro ~~Rule~~ Controversy
 - Teflon scissors

Let's Do It



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ON**

Resources for More Ideas and Printables

- Jada94
 - <https://www.pinterest.com/jada94/autismvisual-cues/>
- The Autism Helper
 - <http://theautismhelper.com/explain-intervention-behavior-contingency-maps/>
- DoToLearn
 - <http://do2learn.com/picturecards/overview.htm>
- A Day In Your Shoes
 - <http://adayinourshoes.com/free-printable-visual-schedules-for-home-and-daily-routines/>
- Also check out Teachers Pay Teacher for pre-made materials