

Reading Bulletin Board Build Sheet

From bare cork to an interactive book buzz display.

Build a beautiful, interactive classroom reading display that gets kids genuinely excited about books. Use this setup sequence and supply list to create your board.

● Key Display Elements

1 flat

Bedsheet backdrop for a seamless foundation

2 layers

Double-stacked border for visual depth

1 row

4-inch title letters centered for readability

36 inches

Clear sleeve height from the floor

Monthly

Rotate Real library jackets for display

1 per kid

Shelf talkers, by kids in sleeves

Leave the tops open

When mounting clear sheet protectors, always leave the upper edge free so kids can effortlessly slide their handwritten recommendations in and out without tearing.



● Supply Shopping List

- ☐ Standard cream flat woven bedsheet
- ☐ Mustard-yellow straight paper border
- ☐ Tomato-red scalloped paper border
- ☐ Black paper typography letters
- ☐ Heavy-duty clear plastic sheet protectors
- ☐ Discarded picture book dust jackets
- ☐ Blank bookstore-style review cards

● Pre-Setup Checks

- Verify corkboard is roughly four by six feet before buying fabric.
- Check for leftover border material from last semester.
- Gather heavy-duty staple gun, extra staples, and sewing shears.
- Remove old staples entirely with a flathead screwdriver.

● One-Hour Setup Sequence

- 1 Anchor the backdrop** Staple fabric top center to a cleared board, pull taut straight down, and work outward.
- 2 Frame the space** Layer both borders to hide raw edges, tucking the final corner underneath for a seamless loop.
- 3 Size the header** Pin typography from the exact middle outward to ensure perfectly symmetrical spacing.
- 4 Showcase titles** Fan out authentic publisher artwork across the upper middle to capture student interest.
- 5 Position the pockets** Mount transparent sleeves open-side-up at kid-level so your shortest readers can easily reach.

● Border Overlap Guide

Find your row: **Border Layer**

Border Layer	Your pick	Why
Mustard straight	Flush cut	3 inches wide
Red scalloped	1 inch overlap	2.25 inches wide

● Setup Notes

Enjoy watching your students take genuine ownership of their new classroom reading culture!