



Design your Own “Esplanade”!

Ages: 6+

Time: 15-20 Minutes

Skills: Creativity, Conceptual Understanding, Spatial Reasoning

Now that you know what an “esplanade” is—a long, open area for walking along a waterfront—it's time to create your own!

Choose your waterfront: Use blue paper, fabric, or crinkled foil to create your water's edge—a river, lake, or ocean.
BONUS: You can use recycled materials around your home!

1. **Observe & Discuss:** What do you notice in the photo? What activities could you do in a park like this?
2. **Build your pathway:** Create a walkway alongside the water using cardboard strips, popsicle sticks, or a line of blocks. Make it long and inviting!
3. **Add green spaces:** Use fabric, paper, or real leaves to add parks, gardens, or grassy areas where people can relax.
4. **Include special features:** What makes your esplanade special? Benches (small blocks), trees (twigs in clay), a playground, or places to watch boats?
5. **Think about nature:** How does your esplanade help wildlife? Add bird habitats, butterfly gardens, or fish-friendly riverbanks.

