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# THAT'S MY WORK CARDS

#### Materials you need:

- Cardboard cut into medium sized rectangles
- Colourful pens or crayons
- Pegs
- Contact paper or laminator

### Setup for play:

- Ensure you have a card for each child write their name in small letters at the bottom then pass out for the children to decorate in their own unique style. Encourage them to write a letter of their name if they can and to add something so they know it is their card every time they see it.
- As an optional extra you can add a photo to the other side of each card.
- Use contact paper or a laminator to seal the card against paint, water and other crafty elements!
- When the children paint, craft or build encourage them to label their own work by pegging their card to their work or hang a line for them to peg to close by.

## What are they learning with this activity?

As the children create their card and label their work they are learning to:

- Develop a confident self-identity
- Recognise their individual achievements and successes show pride in their work
- Recognise the contributions they make to shared projects and experiences
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things
- Acknowledge and accept affirmation
- Show increasing independence and competence

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#### Extending the play:

- Work as a group to create a display board for the children to arrange and display their work. Cover a board of thick cardboard with some patterned or plain coloured contact paper then tie some netting loosely onto the board by securing at the back. Add to somewhere easily accessible and then encourage the children to peg their work to the board as they want.
- Show children how to take photos of their work, load onto the computer then print out. Attach to a peg using a little blu-tack or dab of glue and place their 'my work' card beside it on the display.

