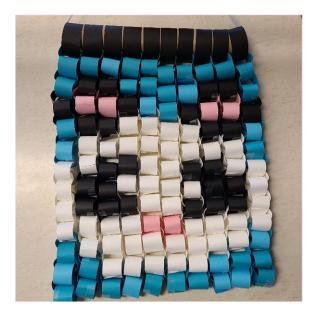## Color-Block Critters

Supplies included:

- 1 inch cardstock strips, in various colors
- Several longer 1 inch cardstock strips
- Yarn
- 2 cardboard tubes
- Tape
- 2 Critter patterns

You will need the following on hand:

- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Decide which critter pattern you'd like to use, or make your own design. Enough paper strips have been provided for both of our included patterns, along with plenty of extra strips. The exact numbers of each color you'll need are included with each pattern.
2. Several shades of blue have been included as background colors for your wall hanging. Choose which shade you'd prefer for each creature. Alternatively, if you'll only be doing one design you can use the extra white or orange strips from your unused design.
3. You can also create your own design! When laying out your design, remember that half of your chain links will be facing sideways from the front, and will be partially obscured. You can use a single background color for these "filler" links to make planning your design simpler.
4. For the first link of each chain, use one of the longer strips included in your kit. Size these links by wrapping them around your cardboard tube. Be careful not to make them too small, or they won't fit when your assembling your hanging.
5. Assemble your paper chains one at a time, using the included tape. We found it easiest to organize and stack all of the strips for a row before beginning.

a. To make the clearest image, it is important to keep each chain link the same size. To make this easier, our paper strips are just long enough to make each chain link with little overlap.

b. If some of your chains are longer than others, the shorter chains can be gently stretched. You can also carefully cut and replace larger chain links from the longer chains.

6. Once all the chains are assembled, slide the top link of each chain over your.

7. Use the included yarn to hang your critter.

8. Add your finishing touches!

a. Rotate your chain links to hide any conspicuous tape.

b. To help keep your chains lined up, you can tape the middle row of chain links together.

c. To preserve your art, hang it inside somewhere out of direct sunlight.