

Instructions for mounting and laminating the “Who Are Our Partners?” game board:

You will need:

- 4 printed pages of each game board
 - card flaps
 - contact paper (2, 11-12” strips the width of a roll are needed for each game board)
 - tape and glue
 - 2 colored file folders for backing
1. Trim each game board piece, keeping the lines straight and even, and checking as you go to be sure all sheets stay the same size and that the pictures match along the center seams.
 2. Place 2 colored file folders side by side, with the folds horizontal; open both folders. If not using folders, make 2 “folders” by taping the long edge of each pair of card stock or poster board, and place them as directed above. These form the game board backing.
 3. Glue the left side game board pages onto the top and bottom of the folder on the left making sure that the center edges are lined up along the inside edge of the folder and matching the patterns in the center. Repeat with the right side pages, taking care to line up all edges so that all the patterns on both sides of the board match before you glue. Leave enough of a gap at the center fold, between the top and bottom pieces, so that the game board can easily fold shut and open flat.
 4. Next tape the game flaps over the information squares now. (You could take this step at the end, but then you’d have to laminate each flap separately.) Tape only one edge, so that the picture “flaps” open to reveal the text. The flaps are numbered, with the first one nearest the start of the game and proceeding along the game path in order. Temporarily stick down each flap with a bit of poster putty or a loop of tape so that the flaps will not flop during the next steps.
 5. Lay out one side of the game board, glued to its backing. Measure a strip of contact paper long and wide enough to cover this half of the game board. (The width of a standard roll is long enough to cover the vertical dimension. The shorter, horizontal measurement will be about 10.5-12” long, to cover to the edge of the backing, which should extend beyond the game board on the outside edges.)

Since both sides of the game will need to be covered, cut the second strip as well.

6. Apply the contact paper, starting with one corner, lining it up while the protective non-sticky backing is still in place. Hold the first stuck-down corner firmly while you carefully pull away the rest of the protective cover, smoothing out any little wrinkles or air bubbles as you go. If the game flaps are already in place, be sure they stay in position.

Cover the other side of the game top and bottom sheets in the same way. Check to see that both sides can still fold closed.

7. When both sides are covered, line them up so the patterns meet along the center. Using a piece of tape long enough to run from the top of the game board to the center, fasten the top half of the game board together.
8. If the game flaps have been fixed in place under the contact paper, use a mat knife to cut them free around three edges. Remove the poster putty or temporary tape loop, so they flap open. If you have not attached the flaps yet, cover them with clear contact, or postal tape, and then tape them in place on the game board (see step 4)
9. NOW you should be able to fold up the 2 bottom pieces, printed sides facing, and then fold the board in half along the center so that the whole thing can fit into the pocket of the lesson plan folder provided.