

HOW TO MAKE A DEPLOYMENT WALL

A deployment wall is a dedicated space in your home focused on your loved one's deployment. It serves as a visual aid for children to track the days until their return. These walls commonly feature a calendar, photos of the deployed loved one, a place for letters and mail to send, a world map illustrating the distance from home and patriotic decor. Each deployment wall is personalized, reflecting the family's unique connection and support. Below, we offer ideas and guidance to help you create your own.

Creating a Deployment Wall:

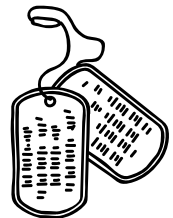
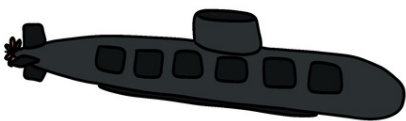
1. Find or designate empty wall space that you can see and engage with daily.
2. Incorporate a countdown tailored to your family's preferences:
 - a. Use a paper chain with links removed at intervals.
 - b. Utilize a countdown jar with items taken out as homecoming approaches.
 - c. A countdown whiteboard that can be erased and updated easily
 - i. **Note to caregivers:** Keep in mind when creating a countdown that homecoming dates can change. Think about which form of a countdown will work best for your child's ability to be flexible with the possibility of an extended return date.
3. Display a world map (an 11X17 map is provided if needed) to help children understand distance. Update the map with provided cutouts as your loved one travels
4. Establish a Deployment Bucket List as a family, noting activities to accomplish during the deployment. Check off items as you complete them.
5. Include pictures of your loved one.
6. Personalize with decor of your choice, such as clock cutouts to compare time zones, an envelope for sending letters and additional items like flags, quotes or dog tags.
7. Have fun and be creative!

Deployment Wall Map Cutouts

Découpes pour la carte murale de déploiement

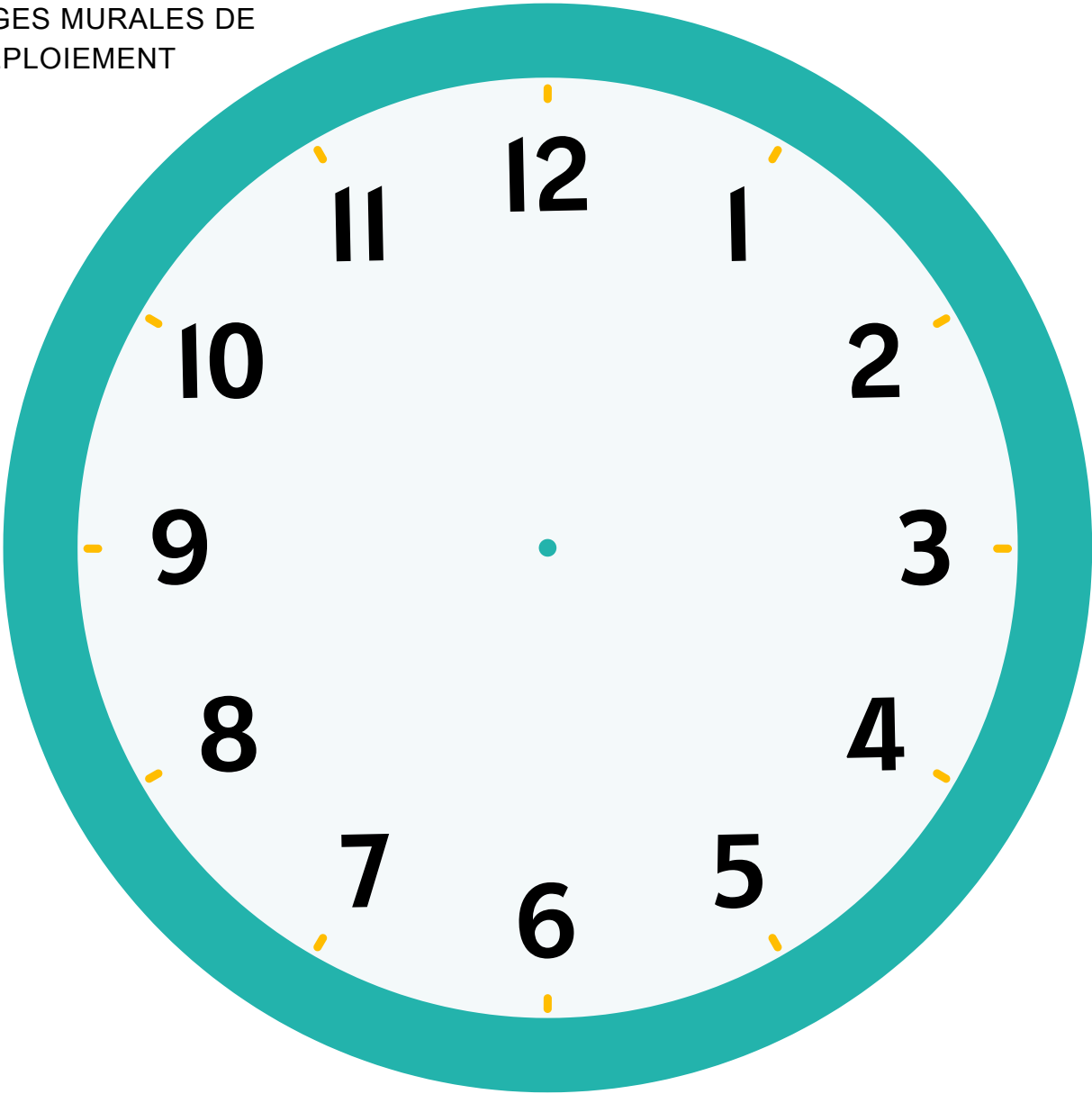
Cut out the picture that best represents your loved one. Then cut out the symbol that best represents home to you. Ask your loved one what area of the world they will be going to. Have them show you where to place their vehicle on your Deployment Wall Map! Then have them show you where to place the symbol of home on the map! You can glue or tape them down.

Découpez l'image qui représente le mieux votre être cher. Ensuite, découpez le symbole qui représente le mieux votre maison. Demandez à votre être cher dans quelle région du monde il ou elle se rendra. Demandez-lui de vous montrer où placer son véhicule sur la carte murale du déploiement ! Demandez-lui ensuite de vous montrer où placer le symbole de la maison sur la carte ! Vous pouvez les coller avec de la colle ou du ruban adhésif.



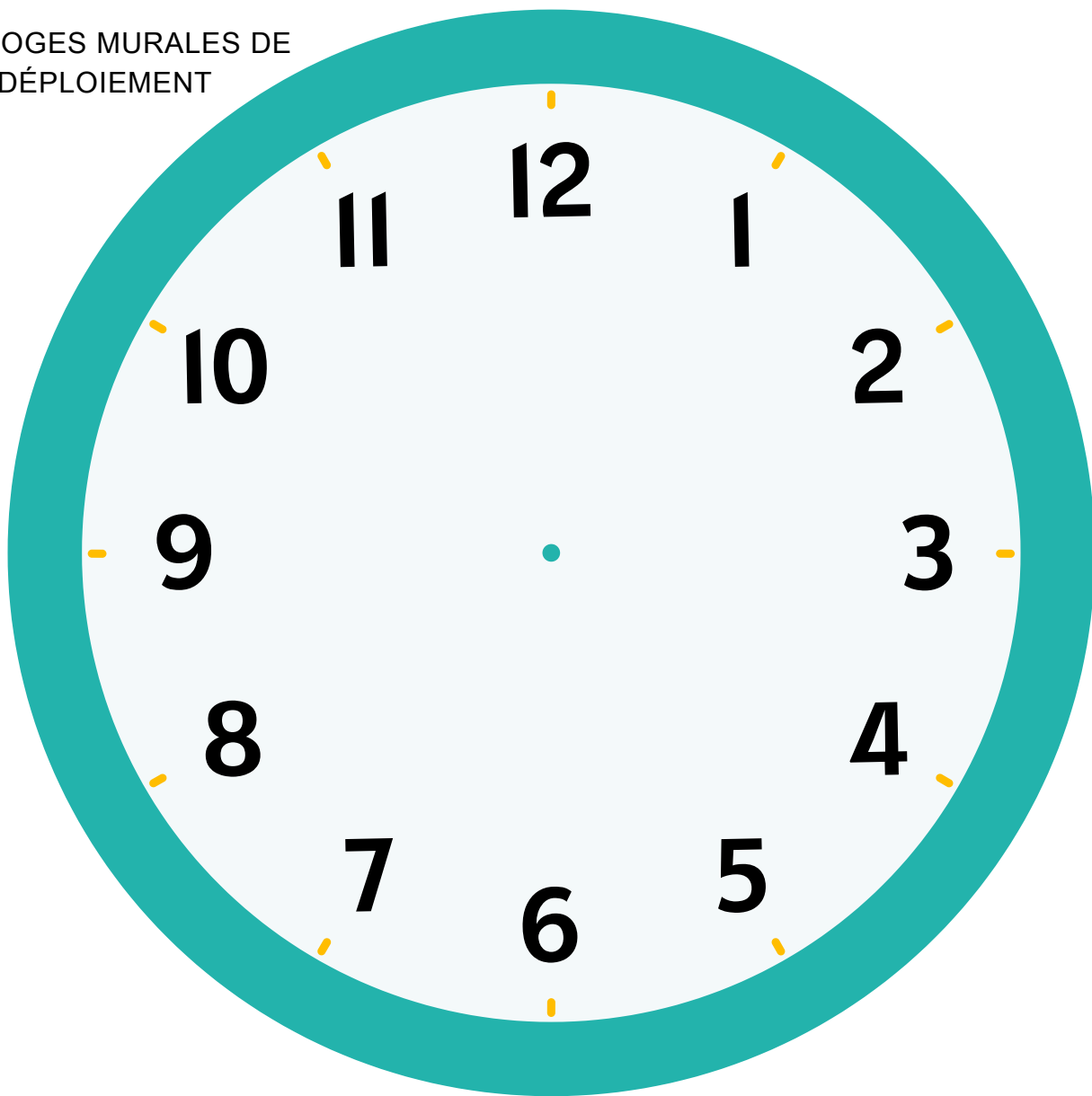
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