Kidodaily · Original story

The blue ribbon

Short sentences

Huda found a blue ribbon. She wanted to decorate two boxes. She measured each box with equal blocks. One was longer. She tried the ribbon before cutting it. She decorated the small box and saved the rest.

Talk and draw

Why did Huda try the ribbon before cutting it? Draw something you would like to measure. If you try the idea, leave cutting to an adult.

Descriptive lengths, not standardized reading levels.

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Longer story

Huda took a blue ribbon from the craft drawer. Two boxes were on the table, and she wanted a ribbon across each lid. "How can we find out if there is enough?" Grandma asked. Huda lined up equal blocks along the first lid without leaving gaps. It was four blocks long. The other lid was six blocks long. She laid the ribbon across both lids without cutting it. There was not enough for both. After a little thought, Huda chose the small box. Grandma helped her cut and attach the ribbon. Huda put the leftover piece in an envelope marked "For another project." She said, "Measuring first saved me a useful piece."

Talk and draw

Why did Huda try the ribbon before cutting it? Draw something you would like to measure. If you try the idea, leave cutting to an adult.