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IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# DIRECTIONAL POST



## INSTRUCTIONS:

### Number of Participants:

3-5 people

### Materials:

Twelve 1" x 4" x 24" wood arrows, one 4" x 4" x 8' wood post, 4-8 pints paint (assorted colors), 4 assorted size artists' brushes, post-hole digger or shovel, 1 lb. 8d nails, hammer, level, primer.

### Description:

A directional post is a great way to put your playground on the map and teach kids how far away their neighborhood playground is from famous places. It's also a quick and easy project to bring color to your playground. For more visual step-by-step instructions, including diagrams of how to cut the wood and assemble this directional post, download the full PDF instructions to accompany this card at [kaboom.org/playday](http://kaboom.org/playday).

### Steps:

Using a post-hole digger, dig a hole two feet deep and about eight inches in diameter.

Be sure to prime the post and arrows before painting. Write on the post and arrows what color to paint, alternating the colors on each side. Next paint the signs and the post. Be sure to let everything dry!

On each sign, write a different landmark. Decide with your friends which direction each sign will be pointing by laying them on the ground before you start writing the landmarks. You don't want the landmark written upside down when you finally point the arrow in the right direction!

Use the hammer and two nails per board to secure the signs to the post.

Once the entire post is painted and dry, set it in the hole, make sure it is plumb, and pack the hole tight with dirt.



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