

**Instructions:**

- 1) Fill in the empty squares with the alphabet in any order you would like. (Hint: If you want to exchange secret messages with a friend, it works best to have to decoders with the same code.)
- 2) Cut out the two sides of the decoder along the outside lines, and stack them with the blank cover on top so you can see your code in the inward notch.
- 3) Insert a round-head fastener (often called a brad) through the center dot of the two papers and voilà! You have a decoder!

Use the “Key” (top line) for the actual message, and the “Code” for the scrambled message.

To decode, simply reverse the process. Enjoy!

