

The 39 Prohibited Categories of Creative Labor

Class 8

וְהַתּוֹפֵר שְׁתֵּי תְּפִירוֹת - Sewing two stitches

What:

The attaching together of two objects together, e.g. sewing, pinning, taping and gluing

Do:

Attach buttons

Use velcro

Put disposable diapers on your baby

Use a safety pin for temporary fix with max two perforations

Suction cups

Put on bandaids with out wrapping them on themselves or to hold down gauze

Don't:

Tape a rip

Glue crafts sticks together

Staple anything together

Push down tape or wallpaper peeling up

Suction cups for permanent use like hooks

Stick pins in to a bulletin board

Seal envelopes

Sticking stamps

הַקּוֹרֵעַ עַל מְנַת לְתַפֵּר שְׁתֵּי תְּפִירוֹת - Tearing in order to sew two stitches

What:

The tearing apart of any object or objects.

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Do:

(Whenever possible all tearing should be done before shabbat)

Tear food

Tear food wrappings (with out breaking letters) natural or not

Use tissues even if they may break

Cut strings (with out measuring)

Cut off tags on a garment

Walk over leaves and twigs

Open a paper milk carton

Open cartons containing food by destroying the carton

Stick a straw in to a juice box

Open cans (according to some this is not permitted)

Open bottles with plastic caps

Take off diapers and dispose

Unstick something stuck by mistake (like by say food)

Don't:

Tear or break anything even if for destructive purpose

Detach taped items

Pull apart glued items

Open envelopes

Tear toilet paper especially on the lines

Remove labels

הַצַּד צָרִי - Capturing/Trapping a deer

What:

The intentional confinement of any living creature to a space that would make it relatively easier to grab

Do:

Close the door to your room with a fly in it

Trap a fly in a space that has an exit for it

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Close the door of your house or bring in to your closed room your long time pet dog

Don't:

Convince or instigate an animal to go in to a confined area even with out touching

Put a container over a fly

Push an animal from a closed space to an even smaller closed space that makes it even easier to grab

Pick up a sick wild animal

Chase a wild animal until it collapses

הַשׁוּחָט - Slaughtering

What:

Killing or causing the bleeding (even internal) of any living thing regardless of how

Do:

Kill lice by putting on a liquid ointment

Remove splinters

Don't:

Flush an insect

Step on a bug

Spray poisons

Cause yourself or any one else to bleed

Pull a loose tooth

Cause some one to have a bruise

וְהַמְפָּשֵׁט - Flaying/Skinning

What:

Removing the skin off of any uncooked animal