

Family Art Activities and Challenges

Put those creativity skills to work! Girls will get to use their problem solving skills in these 3 family art challenges! Whoever is home should play too! The more the merrier!

Activity 1: Tallest Paper Contest

- Materials:
 - White Printer Paper
 - Scissors
 - o Glue
 - o Ruler
- Objective: To create the TALLEST free-standing paper structure!
 - o Rules:
 - Only scissors and glue allowed.
 - No tape
 - No staples
 - No NOTHING
 - Once everyone is finished building, their structure must stand on its own (without any help, so no holding it or leaning it against anything!) for ten seconds. If it falls, you may have two "do-overs" to try and get it to stand.
 - After the structure passes free-standing inspection, measure it!
 Whoever's is tallest, WINS!
 - Hint: Try folding your paper too!
- Good luck!

Activity 2: Blind Contour Portraits/Drawings

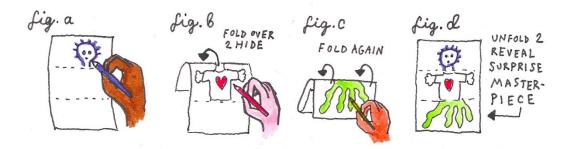
- Materials:
 - Two sheets of paper each
 - o Pencil
- Objective: To draw a person or object WITHOUT looking at your paper!
 - Step 1: Take your first sheet of paper and place it down. While holding your pencil, take the second sheet of paper and poke through the center of it with the top of your pencil, and the paper will cover the top of your hand.
 - In this end, this should look like your holding a silly umbrella!

- This is to make sure you CAN'T see your drawing paper! No checking!
- Step 2: Take a good look at whatever or whoever you are drawing. Begin to draw the contour of this person or thing.
 - "Contour" means the outline!
- Step 3: Make sure you are NOT looking at the sheet of paper you are drawing on. If it helps, don't pick up your pencil, and you will create one LONG NEVER ENDING LINE.
- Step 4: When you believe you are done drawing this person/thing, lift your pencil and paper umbrella UP!
 - How did your drawing come out?
 - What would you have done differently?
 - Are you ready to try again!?

Activity 3: The Combination Character Game

- Materials:
 - o Pencil
 - o Paper
- Objective: You will take turns with a partner or group of family members to draw parts of this silly character creation!
- Rules:
 - You CANNOT look at what the other person/people are drawing! The ending reveal is the BEST PART!
 - After you draw the third section, THAT is the drawing you get to keep and color!
- Step 1: Fold your piece of paper in 3 even sections, vertically. (It'll look like you're folding up a letter, very nicely!)
- Step 2: Each section will be a section of your crazy character collaboration.
 - o The top folded section will be the head, neck up
 - o The middle folded section will be the torso, neck down to hips
 - The bottom will be hips down to feet
- Step 3: Each person will draw their top section, the head! Make it silly if you'd like! Or draw your head. Maybe an animal head. Whatever you want.
- Step 4: Now fold your section you just drew back, to hide it from the next person. You will pass your paper to the person on your left! They will be drawing the next section: the neck down to the hips! Don't forget to be creative! Draw whatever you want!
- Step 5: Once the next person if finished drawing the middle section, everyone will pass their papers. Once finished, fold it back and pass your paper again!
- Step 6: Now the last person will draw the hips down! Stretch those creativity muscles!

• FINAL STEP: Open up your drawings and reveal the character! How silly did it turn out! Did everything line up? Was it what you expected? Now you can color!



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