

PUPPETRY

Behold The Bold Umbrellaphant

Object Transformed Puppet(s):

In this activity participants will work individually to create their own story in relation to the object(s) they find in their own kitchen.

Materials Needed:

Your Imagination, which will help you find your object.

You will also need some craft supplies such as glue sticks, tape, adhesive of some sort, scissors, white paper, and drawing utensils (crayons, markers, and/or colored pencils).

“Behold the bold UMBRELLAPHANT, That’s not the least afraid to forage in the broiling sun, for it is in the shade. The pachyderm’s uncanny trunk is probably unique, and ends in an umbrella that has yet to sping a leak.” - Jack Prelutsky, *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant*

Choose two unique objects from your kitchen! Here are some examples:



Remember these are tools, not rules! So you are not limited to only these objects shown. **NOTE:** Do not choose any sharp or glass objects which has the potential to harm you in your creative process.

Directions:

Step 1: Warm-up Your Body, Brain, & Imagination

- Close your eyes, concentrate on your breathing, take a deep breathe in and out for four times and slowly open your eyes afterwards. Imagine a small ball in your hand, it could be of any color, shape, and size. Now think for a second what that imagined ball can transform into. *Example: I have transformed my ball into a flying airplane, then into a magic pencil. Take your time and have fun with your imagined ball.*

Step 2: Time to Find!

- What kitchen item looks like your favorite animal(s) or creature(s). Together (with your adult) find your two items in the kitchen.

Step 3: Play with Your Object!

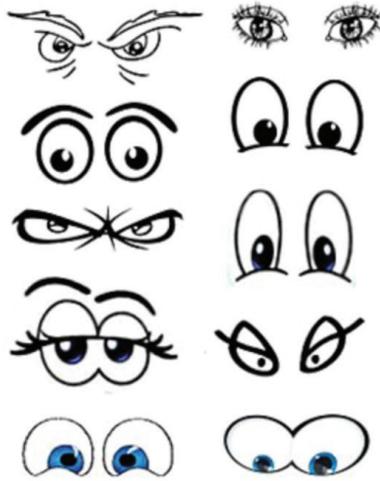
- Now, take your time with each object, feel the shape and texture of your objects and when you are ready, take the first object and play, play with how it might walk, talk or dance? What is your puppet creatures favorite song? Can you dance to it? Can you make your puppet dance to it? How does it Sneeze? Play with different emotions: Angry, Sad, Happy, Surprised, or Annoyed.

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Step 4: Be an Artist!

- Let's create, practice, and perform!
- On a white piece of paper, using your colors, draw eyes for your object transformed puppet(s). Think about what kind of eyes you want your puppet to have. Take your time drawing and coloring them. Here are some examples:



- Using your scissors, carefully cut the eyes and glue or tape it on your puppet's head.

Step 5: Give Your Puppet Life

- Find a space for your puppet(s) to perform.
- Take a minute to name your puppet(s). After naming your puppet(s). Try different voices for your puppets. For now let's practice with two voices. Puppet 1 has a squeaky voice and puppet 2 has a deep voice. Let's try these voices with some of the dialogue given below.
 - Puppet 1- Hi (Squeaky voice)
 - Puppet 2- Hi (Deep voice)
 - Puppet 1- How are you doing (squeaky voice)
 - Puppet 2- I am doing great my friend... how about yourself (Deep voice)
 - Puppet 1- I am doing great too..... it's my birthday today (squeaky voice)
 - Puppet 2- Happy birthday ... lets have a party (Deep voice)
- Now, go ahead make some of your own dialogues using different voices. Below are some of the prompts to help you create your own story, you can choose any one of the following:
- Both the puppets get lost in the jungle and they have to find their way out
 - Puppet 1 wants to go play but puppet 2 stops it to go out
 - Puppet 1 and puppet 2 share their dreams to each other

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Closing:

Show and share your puppet story with your family and friends.

Bonus:

Play your puppet's favorite songs while working and creating your puppets. HAVE FUN!

Fun Facts:

About the Writer: Mr. Prelutsky was born in Brooklyn in 1940. He had a very active imagination and a wonderful singing voice. Jack was paid to sing at weddings when he was a boy. He was so good that the choir master of the New York's Metropolitan Opera gave him singing lessons for free.

About Elephants: Mud baths are an all-time favorite of elephants. They not only romp and play with their friends in mud baths, they also enjoy the cooling sensation and relief that mud provides from the very hot temperatures of Africa and Asia, their native homelands. Elephants in captivity also enjoy mud baths and can be seen giving their friends a helpful shove and rolling around to play in the mud.