

Visual Arts

Paddington Bear's First Concert

Mr. Gruber's Marvelous Antique Shop:

In this activity we take inspiration from the music and description of items in Mr. Gruber's antique shop to create our own drawings or collages.

Materials Needed:

Paper of any kind, scissors, supplies for collage (scrap paper, colored paper, old postcards or magazines or anything else you may have at home), tape and/or glue.

Optional: A photograph of a friend or family member, a device for listening to *Paddington Bear's First Concert* minutes 15:00-16:50. It is possible to find the recording at this link >>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEkrwBxg_wM

“Mr. Gruber kept an antique shop in the Portabello Road. It was full to overflowing with old copper pots and pans, brass ornaments, books and furniture of every shape and size. To enter it was like going in to another world.” -Michael Bond, *A Bear Called Paddington*.

Directions:

Step 1: Imagine with a Friend

- Paddington Bear loves to take “elevenses” (a break for a snack at 11:00am) with his good friend Mr. Gruber in his antique shop in the Portobello Road. They liked to eat iced buns (like cinnamon buns with icing). What snack would you like to share with a friend or family member, and who would you share it with?
- Take a few moments to think about the wonderful treasures to be found in an antique shop on the Portobello Road. If you have already listened to the program *Paddington Bear's First Concert*, you may have some ideas! If you have access to a device with connection to the internet, you can replay minutes 15:00 – 16:50 via the link listed in the materials section above. What beautiful or amazing toys, treasures or objects would you want to be surrounded by and explore?

Step 2: Draw a Picture

- Draw a picture of yourself and the person or people you would want to join for “elevenses.” If you prefer, you can tape or glue a photograph of yourself and a friend or family member in the middle of your paper.
- Draw your tea cup, tea pot and treats. Would you have iced buns like Paddington and Mr. Gruber or would you prefer a different snack? If you like you can cut pictures out of an old magazine or newspaper. (Please be sure to get permission before cutting anything up!)
- Add some antique treasures to your picture! You can draw clocks, music boxes, pots and pans, furniture, toys, dolls...anything goes! If you like you can include pictures you cut out and glue or tape on to the paper.

Step 3: Add a Secret Friend to Your Artwork

- Look at your picture. Is there a good hiding place for a little animal, fairy or other special friend? Where in your picture would you hide if you were a mouse or a miniature teddy bear, for example?
- Draw in the little friend you have imagined. Maybe you will draw a mouse's nose and whiskers peeking out from behind a clock. Or the wing of fairy peeking out from behind the teapot. And, as always, you can choose to cut out a picture of a secret friend and glue or tape it on if you wish.

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Closing: Share and tell the story of your picture! Ask the person you are drawing with what they might want to buy if they visited the antique store in your artwork. Will they notice the secret friend hidden in your picture? You might have to give them a hint to help them find it.

Bonus: Listen to music as you draw and let the music influence the colors and images you choose for your piece of art!