

Paper Bag Hats!



Create a fun and whimsical hat with a paper bag. Simply find an extra brown paper grocery bag and give it a few crumples to soften it up a bit. Next overlap the opening part until it fits your head and then roll it to hold the size in place. Now comes the fun part! Decorate your hat with paint, collage, buttons, feathers, pipe cleaners, glitter and more!

Upcycled Fashions!



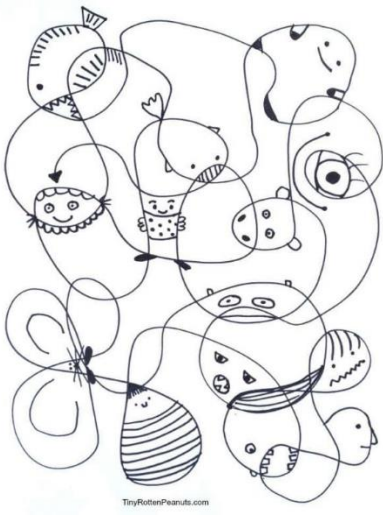
Cardboard and paper can have endless possibilities! Have your budding fashion or costume designer work out some plans/ideas on scrap paper and then give them cardboard, tape and scrap paper to create their ideas and bring them to reality! They can embellish their fashions with fancy washi or duck tape, buttons, beads, streamers, paint and more!

Creature Collages and paintings



Create creature (real or imaginary) collages and paintings inspired from a story or a favorite animal. You can use paints, scrap paper or magazines for collage and markers for details. Where does your creature live? What does it eat? Does it have any special powers, friends or family members? Maybe make a story to go along with your wonderful creature painting/collage.

Scribble Creatures



Create scribble creatures or just draw creatures from your imagination and try adding lots of cool patterns and textures to them.

[Practice drawing patterns with this video.](#)

Cardboard Creatures Assemblages



Create the creature you invented with your drawing or painting earlier out of cardboard scraps and paint! Have fun assembling different shapes together with cardboard. Challenge yourself to make a 3-D version. You can decorate and accessorize it with collage, ribbon, or other assorted crafty materials like feathers, google eyes and more! Maybe turn them into puppets by adding a dowel to the back of them and create a show from a story you made about your creature(s)!

[A fun little video about mythical creatures](#)

[Create your own imaginary creature with cardboard](#)

CELEBRATE BLACK ARTISTS

In honor of upcoming Black History Month and the exhibit on the third floor gallery space, here are two videos of incredible contemporary artists to learn about and celebrate!

[Top 5 Contemporary Black Artists](#)
[Incredible Black Lego Artist!](#)

Credits

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<https://www.sallypayne.com/scrapbook/2022/11/cardboard-creatures/>

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<https://www.exploratorium.edu/tinkering/projects/creature-construction>

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[Top 5 Black Contemporary Artists You Should Know](#)

[This LEGO Artist Builds Masterpieces Using All Black Bricks | Obsessed | WIRED](#)