

Stimulus Package – Street Gallery Children's Art Activity Guide

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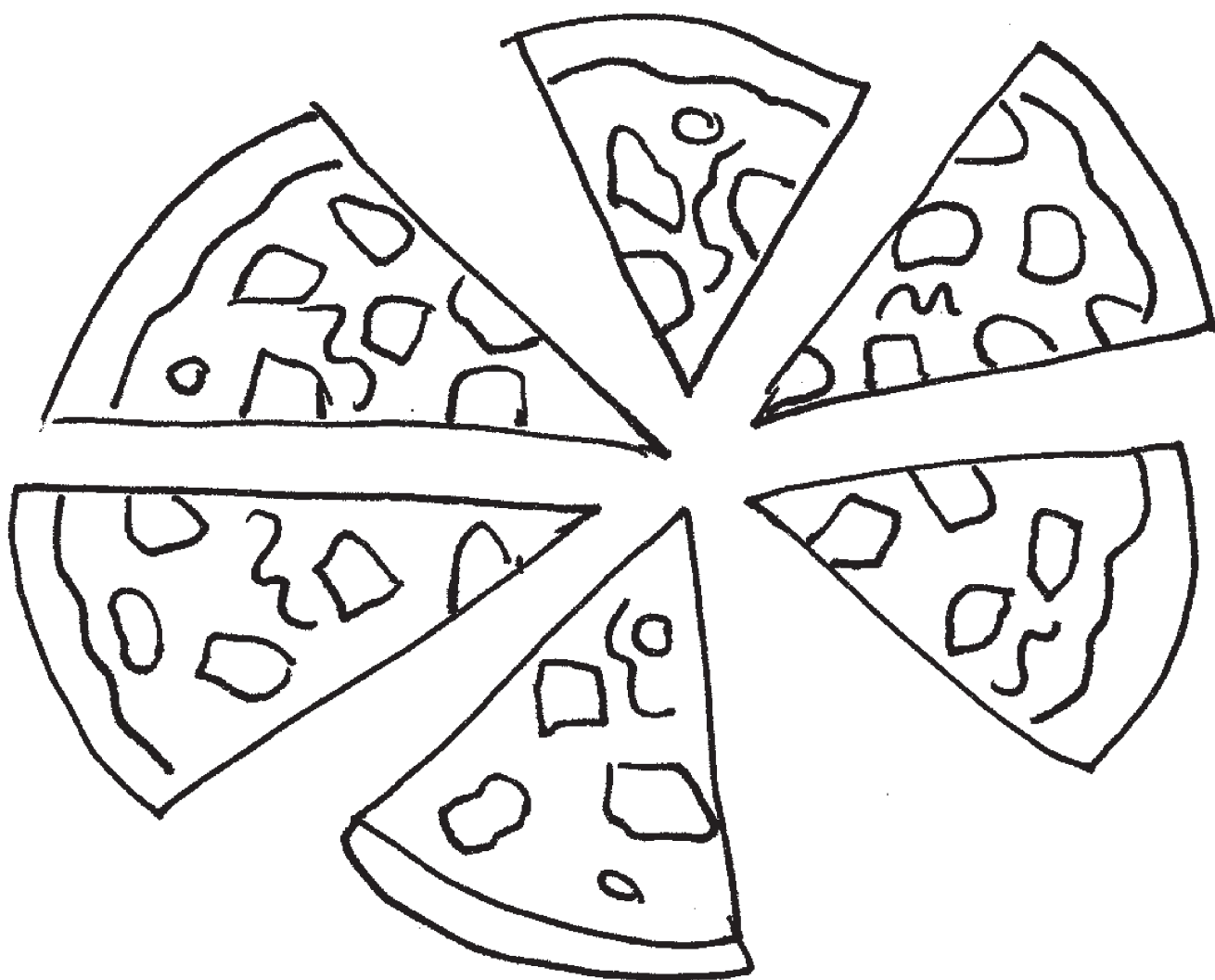
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MAKE A CRAFTY PIZZA

Design your style of pizza. Cut out a circle from cardboard for your pizza base. Colour the inside of the circle in red crayon for the tomato sauce. Tear some coloured paper into little shapes in green, yellow and red. If you have green or red elastic bands, these can be capsicums slices. Use yellow string for stringy cheese! Sticky tape or glue them all down, then with scissors, cut your pizza into slices. You will end up with many triangle slices to use in your homemade kid's kitchen!



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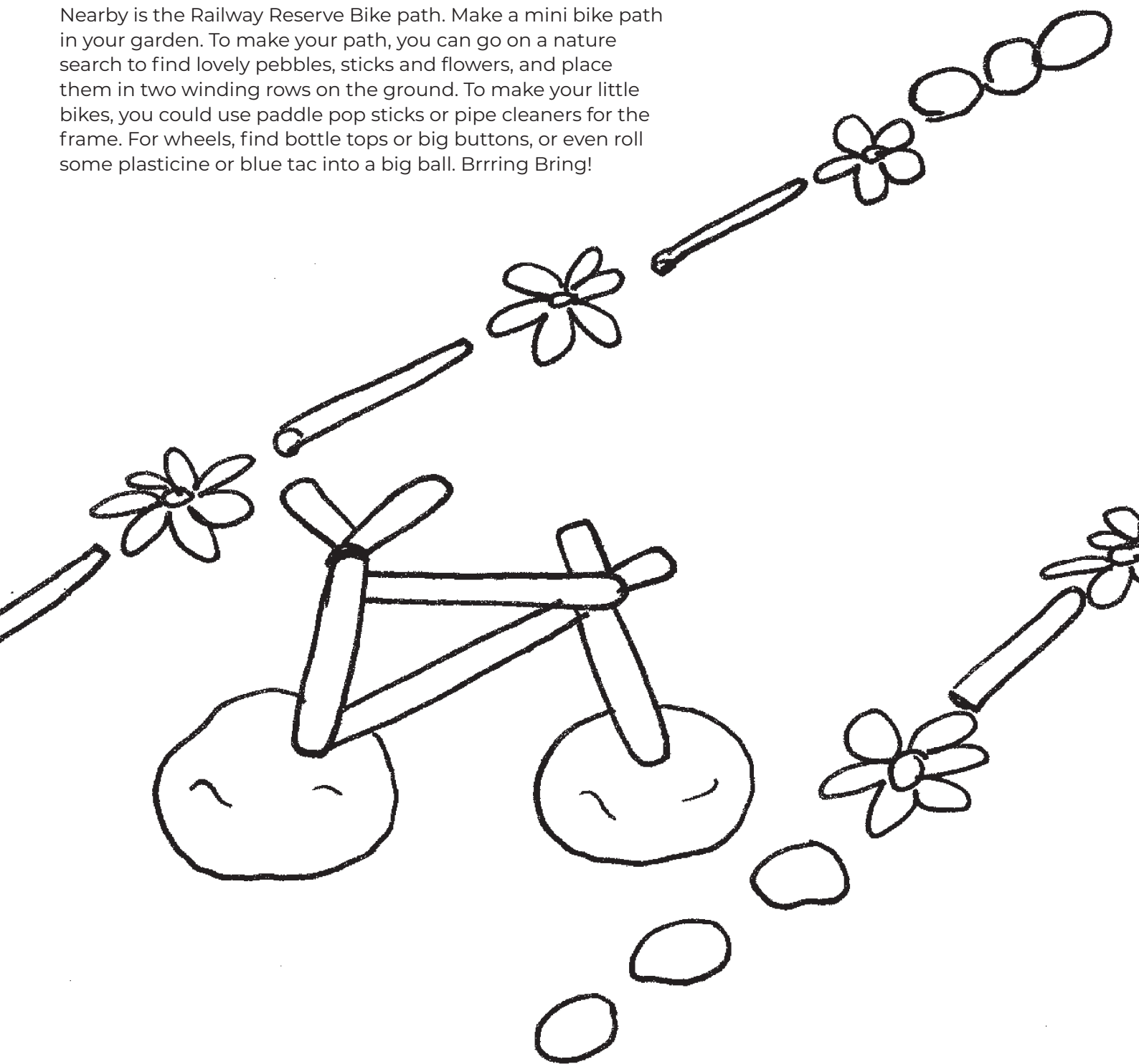
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MINIATURE BIKE LAND

Nearby is the Railway Reserve Bike path. Make a mini bike path in your garden. To make your path, you can go on a nature search to find lovely pebbles, sticks and flowers, and place them in two winding rows on the ground. To make your little bikes, you could use paddle pop sticks or pipe cleaners for the frame. For wheels, find bottle tops or big buttons, or even roll some plasticine or blue tac into a big ball. Brrring Bring!



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ABORIGINAL FLAG STAINED GLASS ARTWORK

Create your very own stained glass window of the aboriginal flag! Fold a piece of black paper in half lengthways. Then reopen it. Draw along the middle line and cut along the edge, making sure you leave a gap at either end. From this cut, continue to cut out a smaller rectangle in the bottom half of the flag, leaving a border intact. Cut out a circle from yellow paper for the sun. You can use an upside-down cup or a glass to trace the shape of the circle. Glue the circle in the middle of the paper. Cut out some wide strips of red cellophane. Turn the page over and glue the cellophane to the edges of your black sheet of paper. Once dry, you can hang it on your window, and light will shine through.

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MAKE A MINI MARKET

Preston market is full of colour and inspiration. You can make your very own grocery shop at home with crafty fruit and veggies. Create a shop using boxes and make plasticine or play dough shapes to sell! You can also create fake food with salt dough. Then bake or let the items air dry. Once dry, you can paint them using bright colours. Have fun with your market day!



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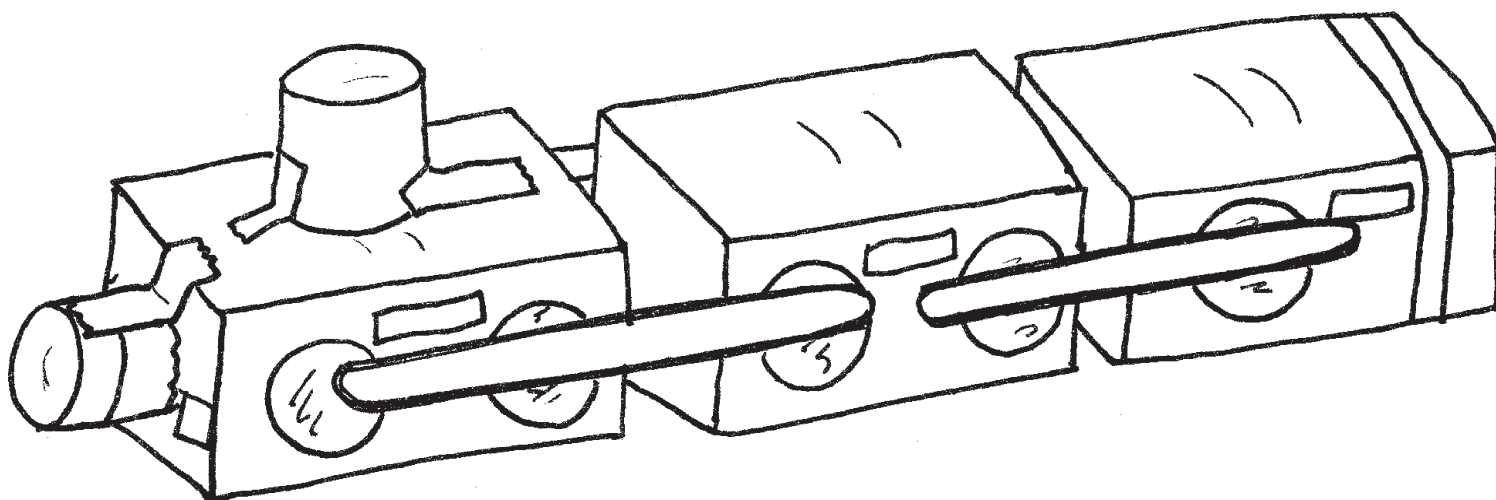
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MAKE A TRAIN

Platform 1. All aboard! To make a train, find 3 or more small cardboard boxes for the carriages. For wheels, cut out some cardboard circles and tape these to both sides of the boxes. To string the carriages together, you can use small sticks, like chopsticks or paddle pop sticks. Leave a small gap in between each carriage. Tape them on with clear tape or PVA glue. Then take your first box. Cut 1 toilet roll in half, so you have two cylinders. Tape 1 cylinder to the front of the box and the second cylinder to the top. Add paper shapes or stickers and cotton for the smoke!



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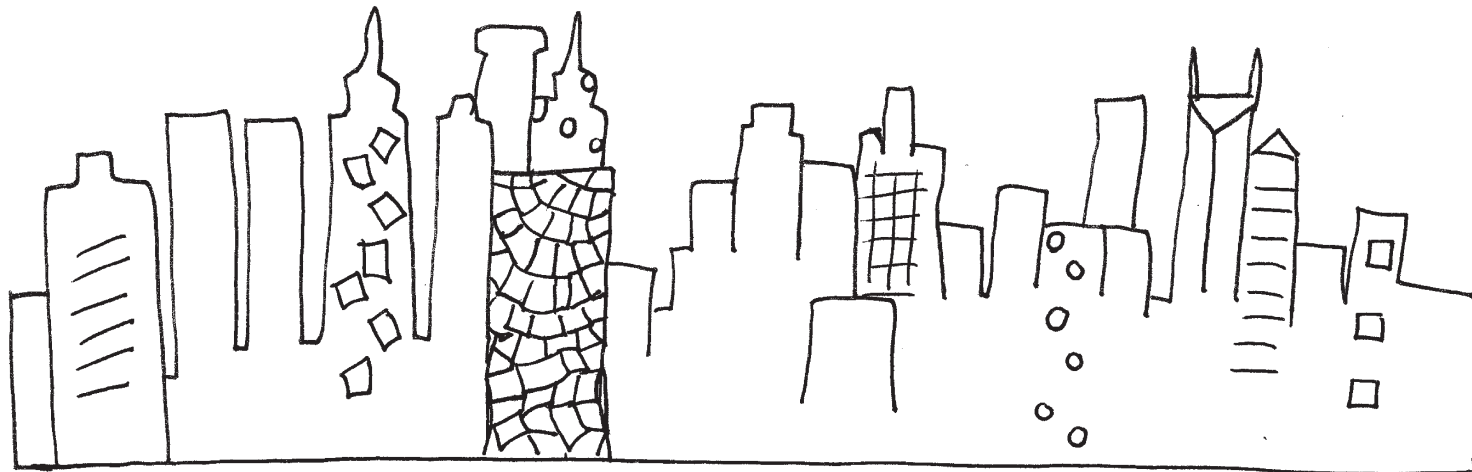
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CREATE A CITYSCAPE COLLAGE

From Ruckers Hill there is an excellent view of Melbourne's skyline! Sketch the cityscape on paper and then transfer it to long cardboard. Can you see rectangle shapes of differing sizes or even some triangular shapes in the buildings? Have fun cutting out shapes from construction paper, newspapers, recycled plastic food wrappers, foil, or even beautiful fabrics. Glue them on with craft glue or PVA. Cut the outline and enjoy your cityscape.



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FLOWER ART

Kids love exploring nature with a camera. Take a close up photo of a flower and then draw from your photograph. For your drawing, break the flower down into simple shapes. Start with a line for the stem and look to see which shapes are in the petals. What do the shapes remind you of? Teardrops? Diamonds? There may be some oval shapes or little triangles for the ends of petals and leaves. Add lots of details that you can see in petals, veins, lines and textures.



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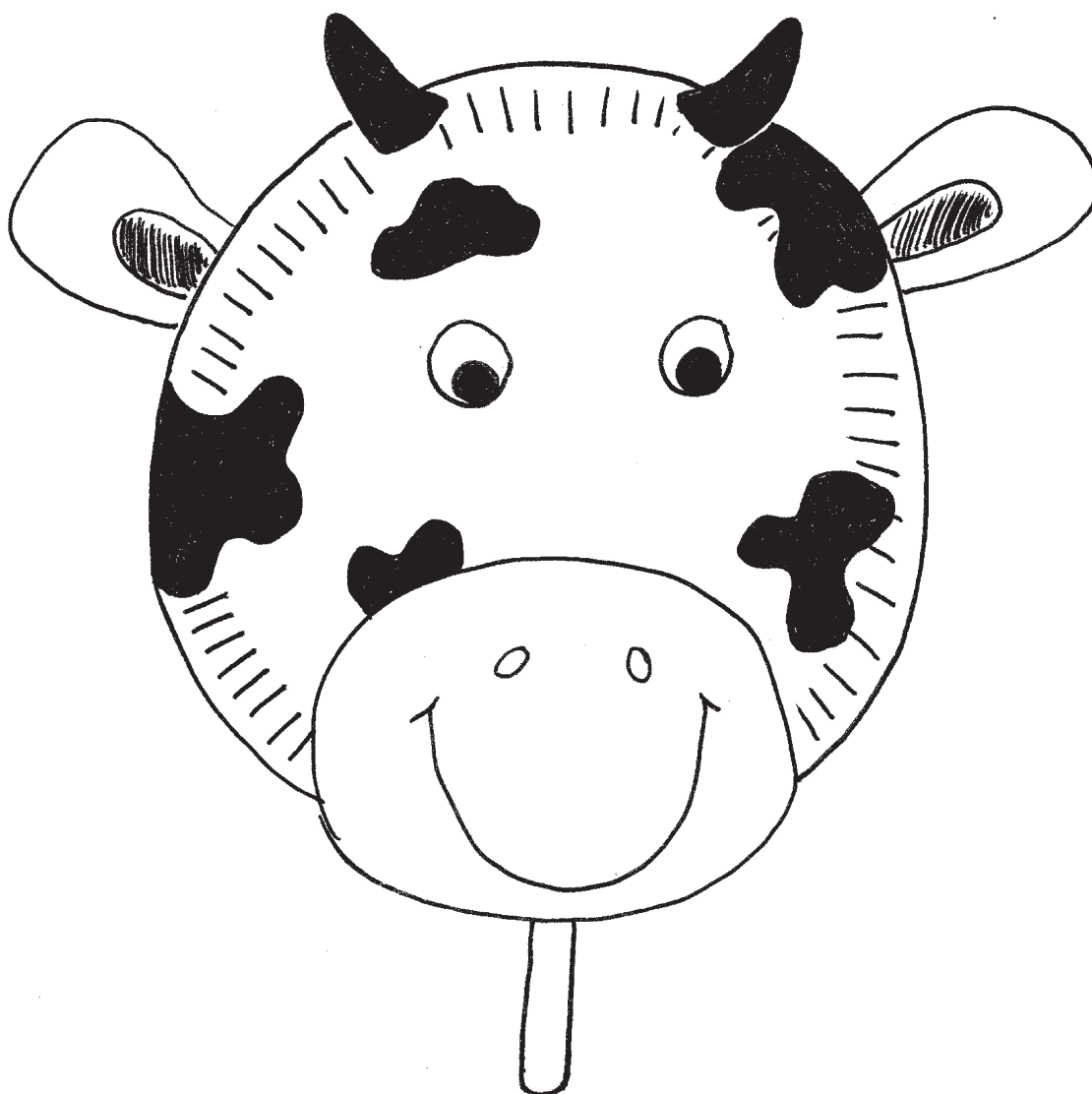
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COW PUPPETS

In the northwest of Reservoir is Merrilands, which was originally a dairy farm. Why not have fun making a happy cow puppet? For the face, you will need a paper plate. Cut out a pink paper oval, and on this draw black dots for the nostrils and a smile for the mouth. Add ears and horns with extra pink paper or cardboard. Draw circles for eyes and black patches on the face. Attach a paddle pop stick or a long stick, and make sure you tape it firmly to the back of the paper plate. Hop behind the couch or table at home and enjoy your puppet show!



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EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH WRITING

Using large text, write down something you believe in, or think of something you like about yourself and write a big affirmation. Make the letters huge! You may wish to find some poster-sized paper, or you can stick some A4 size pieces together. You might find the letters you use in newspapers or magazines. Try mixing them up! You could also express your thoughts by drawing giant letters in chalk in your driveway (check with your parents first). Choose colours that help you express your feelings, and try exploring new marks and lines. Express yourself!

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WOODEN SPOON DOLL

Why not find some beautiful fabric offcuts you have lying around the house and make a doll? You will need a wooden spoon. Using a permanent marker, draw your face onto the back of the spoon. Add wool for hair. To make the dolls dress, take a length of fabric and wrap it around under the dolls head. Use glue or elastic bands to secure it. Cut a circle from fabric and a small hole in the middle for a skirt, then place it under the bodice. Use glue or elastic bands to set in place. Tie ribbons for arms, bows with string and add any sequins for accessories! Now you are ready to play with your little doll.



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