

Play School Art Time

Educator Notes: Episode 11. Monsters

In this episode

Raaaawrrrr! The Art Crew have some stomping, roaring fun as they create upcycled MONSTERS! Monsters can be whatever we imagine - spikey, scaled, big googly eyes, crazy hair? See what amazing monster is waiting to emerge from all your crafty bits and pieces.

Matt makes another monster by blowing paint into weird and wonderful monster shapes.

Material Suggestions

- Washed, upcycled plastic bottles and lids
- Mixed craft loose parts - feathers, pipe cleaners, wool, pop sticks etc.
- Google eyes
- Tape
- Permanent markers
- Thick art paper
- Watered down paint, spoons, paper straws.
- Crayons



"When children interact with loose parts they enter a world of 'what if' that promotes the type of thinking that leads to problem solving and theoretical reasoning".

- Loose Parts by Lisa Daly



Let's extend

- There are so many great story books about monsters - celebrating imagination, while supporting children to understand and overcome fears. Check out these titles:
 - 'Go Away Big Green Monster' by Ed Embry
 - 'Monster Be Good' by Natalie Marshall.
 - 'Quit Calling Me a Monster' by Jory John.
- Partner with families when building a monster bottle collection at your service. Include a note in your newsletter asking for plastic recyclables to be washed and brought in rather than thrown out.
- Monster creations may not stay around forever ... remember to dispose of them sustainably. Remove tape and extra materials then recycle as usual.
- **Create a hidden monster drawing:**
Fold A4 paper into 4 sections, then open out. Children take turns to draw monster body parts in each section; the head, the chest/arms, the legs and the feet. Fold each section of the drawing back once complete. The finished monster is revealed when the sheet of paper is opened.

Music

Title: I'm not Afraid

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