

My Favorite Character(s) Art Lesson Plastic Bottle Bodies



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Kindergarten - 2nd Grades

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Motivation: - Visualization

“My Favorite Characters” lesson can be based on characters in books you have read or characters in movies or shows that you have seen. You can also create your family members and/or friends. Remember to decide on what qualities you know about the character(s) - for example: If selected from a book you read, what have you learned about that character in reading the story? Is he or she happy, sad, surprised, difficult or angry? How you feel about the character’s actions in the story will help you to create your art figures.

Materials:

Bodies:

Plastic Bottles (**any size**) or
Inner paper products cardboard rolls **or**
Rolled paper (doubled for strength to stand up).
Cardboard

Details:

Colored paper or white paper - **details**
Pencil
Scissor
Markers, crayons, colored pencils (any of these)
Tempera/poster paint - **optional** - (**for bodies**)
Liquid glue (Elmers ect.) preferred
Glue stick

Any materials - buttons, fabric, yarn, craft sticks, beads, “junk drawer stuff”, etc.

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Process:

1. If choosing a book, read/or re-read the story that you will be using to create your character(s). Discuss with an adult on how you will be creating your character(s). List the details you discuss. ***Note: Motivation**
2. If the character(s) are based upon a movie, show or friends, discuss with an adult how you will be creating the character(s). List the details you discuss. ***Note: Motivation.**
3. Create a safe work area and organize your materials.
4. **Body:**
 - a. **If you have poster paint or tempera paint** you may paint the bottle bodies of the characters as shown in the example picture above.
 - b. **If you don't have plastic bottles** use either inner cardboard rolls (toilet paper, etc.) then paint.
 - c. **Make your own body by doubling paper** then rolling it to create A standing form - not wider than 1 inch - then paint.
 - d. **Cardboard body** will work too! **Creativity Here!!**

****Height** will depend on the character that you have chosen. 5 inch limit!

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5. Details: Clothing and details

If you do not have paint to cover the body then use other materials such as construction paper or drawing white paper to cover and decorate the body form with clothing details. Be Creative!!!

Buttons, fabric, yarn, craft sticks, beads, “junk drawer stuff”, etc.

6. Head and Face:

Create the Head on paper, construction paper or cardboard (**cut out**). Then decorate the face, using markers or crayons or collage (**glue-on**) different materials. Example: yarn for hair, beads for eyes, etc.

**** Be sure to design/decorate/dress your figures using the ideas that were discussed when you chose the character.**

**** For example: A happy figure would be created differently from an sad character.**

7. Glue head onto a craft stick then extend the craft stick into the body form. Can use a pencil, coffee stirrer, to secure the head, etc.

****Use your imagination and art skill to create your work!!**

Have Fun and be well!!!



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