Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found here!

In this lesson, young artists learn about expressions and how human emotions also relate to how we view animals and animal expressions.

**Story:** “Wild Feelings” by David Milgrim
(watch a virtual read aloud here: [https://tinyurl.com/ubyblv](https://tinyurl.com/ubyblv))

**Project:** Cardboard Animal Creatures

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**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**
- What do you see?
- What colors can we find?
- What animal might this be?
- What sound would this animal make?
- How does this animal feel right now?
- Can you pose like this animal?
- This artwork features different types of lines.
  - Point to where you see **straight** lines.
  - Can you point to where you see **zigzag** lines?
Recommended Supplies
1. Toilet paper rolls
2. Paints: acrylic or poster is best
3. Paintbrush or sponge
   (no paint? use marker!)
4. Paper: construction paper, scrapbooking paper, etc.
5. Liquid glue
6. Safety scissors
   (regular or patterned!)
7. Optional: Pattern punches
8. Optional: masking tape
9. Optional: markers

Project Skills
1. Cutting
2. Gluing
3. Painting
4. Fine Motor Skills
5. Expressive language

Project Instructions
1. Flatten the tube at the top by pressing so that it’s closed, creating ear points. Press on the ear points to form them. Optional: Tape shut with masking tape. (2min)

2. Paint them realistic colors, or fanciful colors (2-5min)
3. Let paint dry while you cut out your shapes.

4. Cut or punch out shapes. Think about ovals or circles for eyes, or basic shapes like hearts for noses. Draw it out first to practice and make it just the way you like. (2-5 min)

5. Attach features (eyes, nose, mouth and more) with glue (2-3 min)

6. Optional: Stuff with a piece of foam or fabric to hold your finger in place.

Have fun playing with your new creatures!