

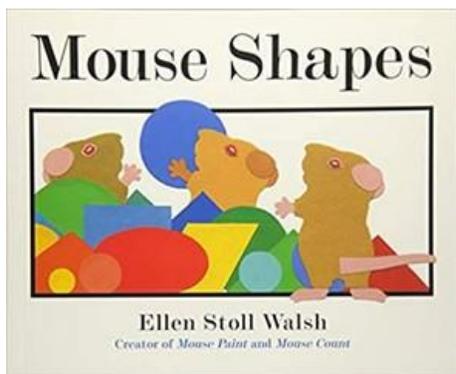


Time: 30-40 minutes

Messiness: high

Adult involvement: medium

Sculpt with Shapes!



Description: young artists learn about the many uses of shapes and build a sculpture from 3D shapes!

Story: “[Mouse Shapes](#)” written and illustrated by Ellen Stoll Walsh (HMH Books for Young Readers; 2017)

Let’s talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- What shapes can you find?
 - Where are there smaller circles? Where are there larger ones?
 - What shape is used to make the **base**, or bottom stand of the sculpture?
- This **sculpture** or 3-D artwork is made of many colors of glass.
 - Which color did you notice first? Why did you notice it?
 - What color are the elephants?
- How does this sculpture make you feel?
 - How would your feelings change if the artist had used only one color? Or dark colors?



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Materials Needed

- 1) 4 colors: acrylic paint
- 2) paintbrush
- 3) toothpicks
- 4) small recyclable boxes
- 5) paper towel or toilet paper tube
- 6) water cup or way to rinse brushes
- 7) **optional:** foam block for base
- 8) **optional:** pencil to poke holes
- 9) **optional:** white acrylic paint for base coat



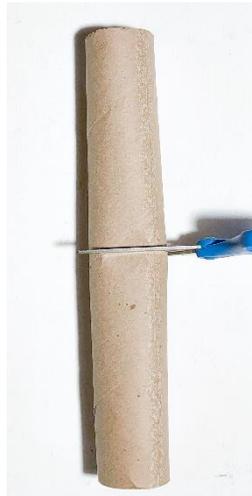
Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) cutting
 - b) painting
 - c) assembling
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- 3) 21st-Century
 - a) critical thinking
 - b) creativity

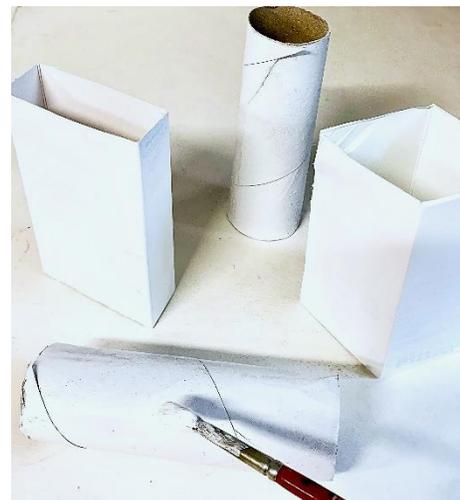
Project Instructions

- 1) Collect recyclables in basic shapes. You will need:
 - two toilet paper rolls, (or cut a paper towel tube in half.)
 - rectangular box
 - square box

Prep the boxes by trimming off any end flaps used to close the box.



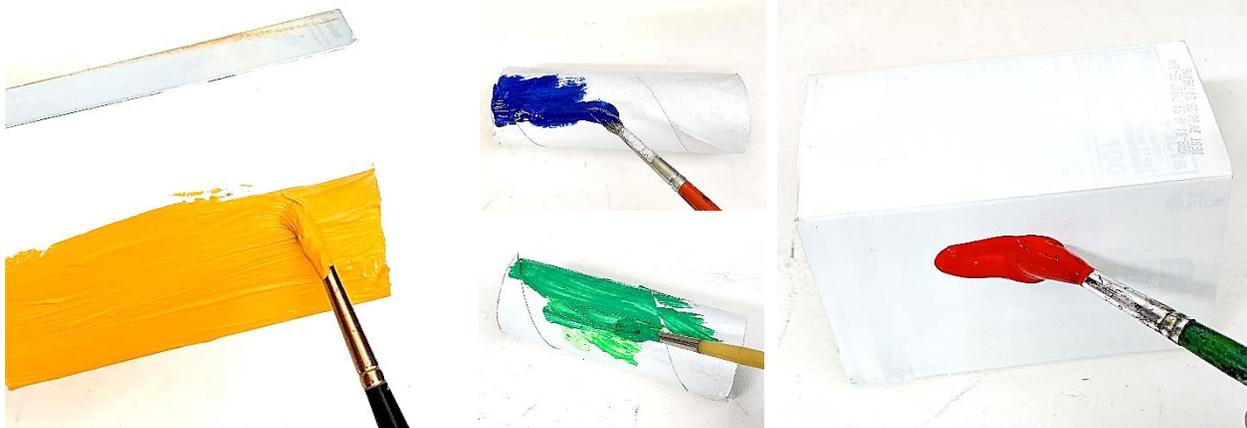
- 2) **OPTIONAL STEP:** prep your cardboard by first painting a base color of white. If you want to get straight to painting colors, skip to **Step 3!**



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- 3) Paint each of your four cardboard shapes a different color. Allow to dry.

Helpful hint: paint one or two sides at a time and allow to dry. Then flip over to paint remaining sides!



- 4) Flatten your rectangular box then cut into strips about 1" wide. Set aside.

Helpful hint: ask a caregiver for help or to demonstrate cutting safely.



- 5) Pinch one of the long edges of a toilet paper tube to flatten it. Then repeat two more times to make the sides of your triangle. Cut into strips the same way you cut the rectangle.



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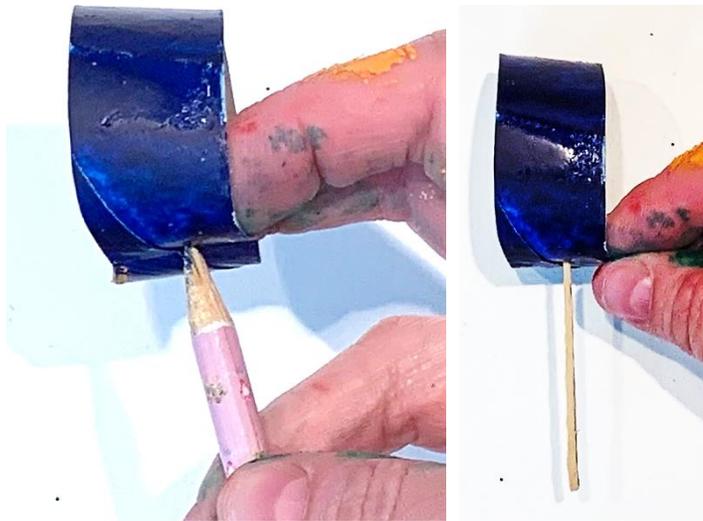
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- 6) Cut the remaining cylinder into slices to make circles and the last cubed box to make squares.

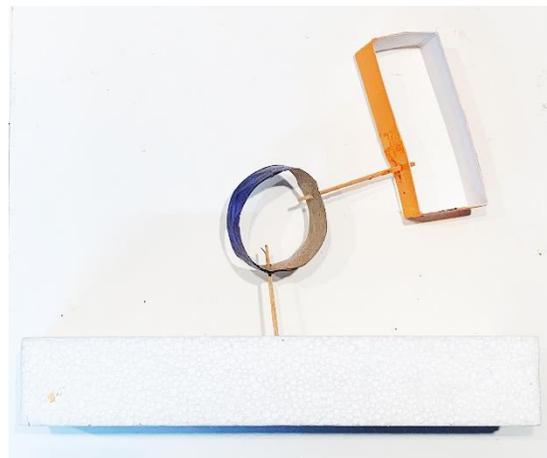
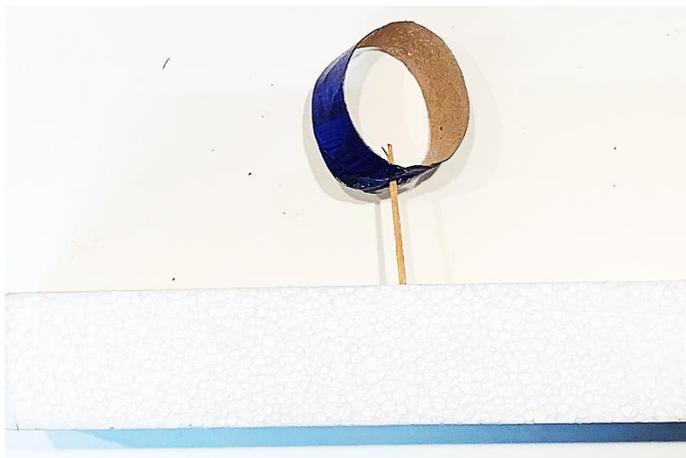


- 7) Use a pencil to poke a small hole into all shapes. Insert a toothpick into the hole you have made.

Helpful hint: ask a caregiver for help with poking holes!



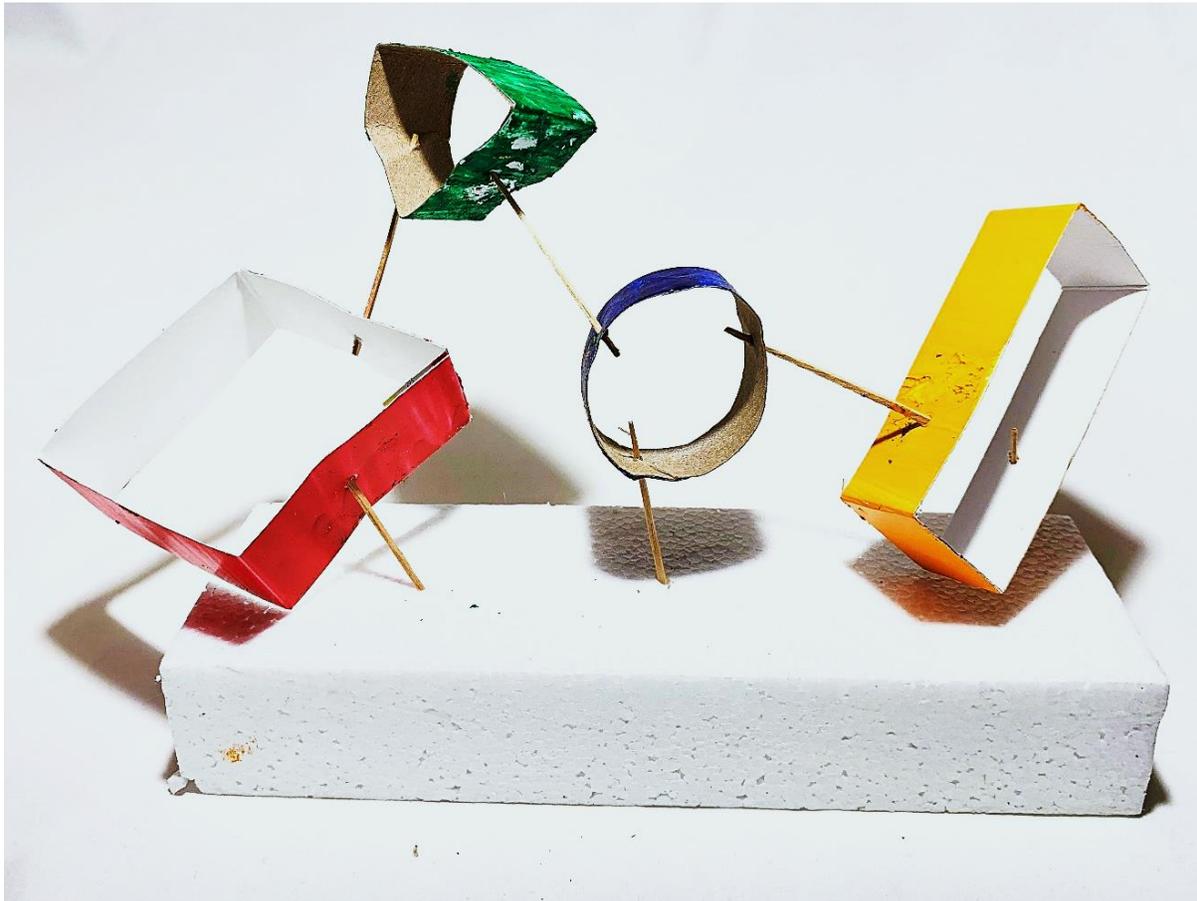
- 8) Poke the other end of the toothpick into the styrofoam. Then choose another shape. Poke toothpicks into the shape and then attach to another shape or the styrofoam. Try to use at least one circle, square, triangle, and rectangle. Arrange all shapes in a way that is interesting to you!



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9) Great work! What other ways can you arrange the shapes you have made?



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