

Art Prompt Surprise Studio

5–10 minutes a prompt • ages 5 and up • alone or in a group



Twenty-four surprise art challenges to cut out and hide in a challenge envelope. Pull one out, set a timer, make something — and share it if you want to.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- 24 prompts: 12 draw, 6 make, 6 move, each with a bonus twist
- 2 challenge envelopes to fill
- Rules for groups and 3 worked examples
- A challenge log to tick

YOU NEED

- Printer paper (US Letter)
- Pencils, crayons or markers
- Scrap paper for the make prompts
- Scissors and a glue stick
- A timer (a phone or kitchen timer)

HOW IT WORKS

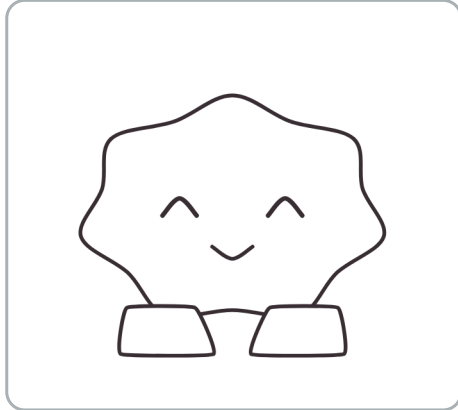
- 1 PRINT AND CHECK**
Print on US Letter at Actual Size / 100% — never Fit to Page — and measure the 1-inch square before you cut. Plain 20–24 lb printer paper works for everything; 65 lb light cardstock makes sturdier cards and bags.
- 2 CUT AND FILL**
Cut out the 24 prompt cards (pages 3–4) and fold each flap up over its bonus twist. Put them in a challenge envelope (page 5).
- 3 PULL A SURPRISE**
Take a card without looking, read it out, set a timer for 5–10 minutes and start. Finished early? Lift the flap for a bonus twist.
- 4 SHARE — OR PASS**
Show what you made if you want to. Every prompt has an easy way in, and anyone can swap a card once.

SAFETY

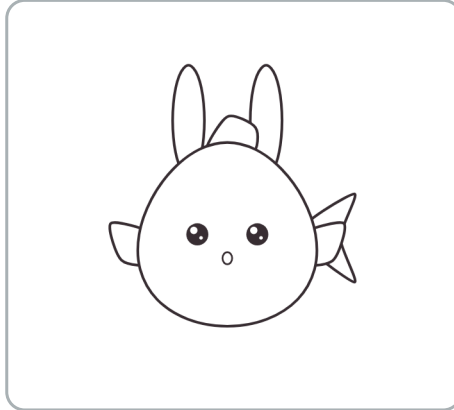
A grown-up should help with scissors and do any craft-knife cutting. Paper pieces, stuffing and seal stickers can be choking hazards for children under 3. Keep them away from babies and toddlers. Use a glue stick or tape — no hot glue for children.

Rules and Examples

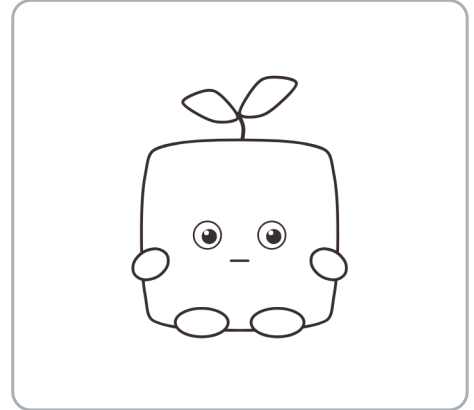
Three ways to play • three prompts answered as a child might



Prompt 1: Draw a cloud wearing rain boots.



Prompt 6: Mix two animals into one new pet and draw it.



Prompt 10: Draw a robot that only does one job.

WAYS TO PLAY

1

SOLO STUDIO

Pull one prompt a day. Keep what you make in a folder and tick the log.

2

GROUP ROUND

Everyone pulls a prompt, works at the same time for 5–10 minutes, then shares. No winners, no scores.

3

SWAP SHOP

Pull two prompts and swap one with a friend. Anyone may pass on sharing.

FOR EVERYONE

Every move prompt has a seated version. Make prompts use scrap paper only. Grown-ups handle any scissors for younger children; paper scraps are a choking hazard for children under 3.

DRAW IT • 1

Draw a cloud wearing rain boots.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Give the cloud a tiny umbrella.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 2

Draw your favorite fruit as a hero with a cape.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Draw its sidekick: a vegetable.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 3

Draw a house for a snail.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Add a mailbox and a tiny welcome mat.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 4

Draw a monster who is scared of the dark. Give it a night-light.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Draw what the monster dreams about.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 5

Draw an island shaped like your hand. Add a treasure X.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Make a map key with three symbols.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 6

Mix two animals into one new pet and draw it.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Give your new pet a name and a home.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 7

Draw a hat for a giraffe.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Now design shoes for a snake!

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 8

Draw the view from inside a fishbowl.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Add a cat looking in from outside.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 9

Draw yourself tiny, sitting in a teacup.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Draw the giant spoon coming to stir.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 10

Draw a robot that only does one job.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Draw the button that switches it off.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 11

Draw a tree that grows something surprising.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Draw who comes to pick the harvest.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP

DRAW IT • 12

Fill a square with a pattern of only circles and lines.

Done? Lift the flap

Bonus: Color it with only two colors.

FOLD THIS FLAP UP



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MAKE IT • 13 Fold this card into a little tent and draw a door on it. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Add a flag and a path to the door. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MAKE IT • 14 Make a crown from a strip of scrap paper. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Add three paper jewels. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MAKE IT • 15 Tear paper into a shape, then turn the shape into an animal. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Tear a second shape: a home for it. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MAKE IT • 16 Fold scrap paper in half twice into a tiny book. Draw a 3–page story. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Add a title page: you are the author. FOLD THIS FLAP UP
MAKE IT • 17 Make a paper mask: eyes, nose and a big smile. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Make a second face with another feeling. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MAKE IT • 18 Build the tallest paper tower you can in 5 minutes. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Can your tower hold a pencil on top? FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MOVE IT • 19 Dance like a robot for 20 seconds. Seated: move only your arms like a robot. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Now a robot whose battery runs out... FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MOVE IT • 20 Walk like your favorite animal. Seated: show it with hands and face. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Everyone guesses the animal. FOLD THIS FLAP UP
MOVE IT • 21 Freeze like a statue when someone claps. Seated: freeze just your face! Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Freeze as a tree in a windstorm. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MOVE IT • 22 Act out a kind of weather. Seated: use hands and sounds. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Change the weather halfway through. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MOVE IT • 23 Copy a partner's moves like a mirror for 30 seconds. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Swap leader without talking. FOLD THIS FLAP UP	MOVE IT • 24 Make your body into a letter. Seated: make it with your arms. Done? Lift the flap Bonus: Spell a short word with friends. FOLD THIS FLAP UP



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Envelope and Log

Read each step before you cut • pictures are renderings, not photos

FLAP BAG (PAGE 5)



CUT OUT



FOLD



FILL



CLOSED

- CUT OUT**
Cut the solid outline: the bag, the round-cornered flap and the two side tabs.
- SCORE AND FOLD THE TABS**
Score the dashed lines. Fold both side tabs behind the front, turn the piece over and glue the shaded GLUE areas.
- CLOSE THE SIDES**
Fold the back up over the tabs and press. The flap now stands up above the open top.
- FILL AND CLOSE**
Put the surprise inside, fold the flap over the front and hold it with a seal sticker. A small loop of tape behind the sticker lets the bag open and close again.

MY CHALLENGE LOG

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24