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PAL at Home

Preschool Art Lab activities for families to make together

“Chalk Monster”

This activity is appropriate for ages 3 and up.

Time from start to finish = 15 - 45 minutes depending on difficulty level or variation

You will need the following materials:

- Chalk (various colors if you have them)
- Black or other dark paper, construction paper is good
- Strips of paper listing various monster body parts, examples include:
 - Tentacles
 - Claws
 - Fur
 - Scales
 - Giant ears
 - Wings
 - 8 eyes
 - Anything else you can imagine!
- A container to hold the strips of paper. Fold the strips in half so the writing is hidden.

Brief project description:

- For this project, children will use their imagination and prompts to come up with a crazy monster design! Since this project can be done outside, it's a great option to enjoy on a sunny day. You can even make it a fun competition and see who comes up with the goofiest or scariest monster!

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Steps

- **#1:** Gather strips of paper listing various monster body parts into a container. If you are doing this project outside, find a clear space and set out sidewalk chalk. If you are working inside, work on either black or dark paper so that the chalk will show up better. (Brown kraft paper works great as well.)
- **#2:** Allow each participant to dip into the container and choose a strip with a body part written on it. For older kids, you can allow them to grab several strips at once (between 3 and 5 strips to start). For younger children, I find it best to have them choose one strip at a time and draw each body part as they go.
- **#3:** Repeat as needed! You can continue to create as many chalk monsters as you like or add rules or variations to the game. Some options include: choosing additional strips and continuing to add more body parts to each monster, making one giant collaborative monster drawing, making the choosing game more complex with a second container of strips to determine what color each body part must be, etc.



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