



ARTS PLUS

PAL at Home

Preschool Art Lab activities for families to make together

“Open Mouth Drawings”

This activity is appropriate for ages 3 and up

Time from start to finish = 15 – 30 minutes

You will need the following materials:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils



Brief project description: Create funny and wacky drawings with a hidden surprise inside!

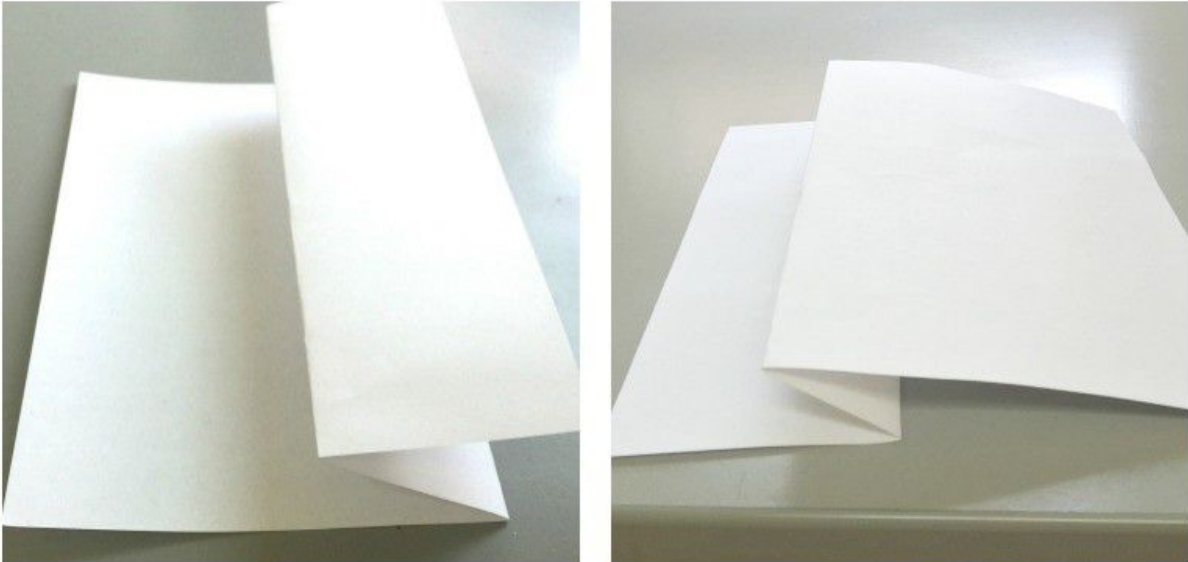
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Steps

- **#1:** Start by folding your paper into a basic 3 panel “accordion fold”, which will hide the inside of your ‘mouth’. The goal is to create a drawing of a creature in two parts: the creature’s full ‘face’ (with the mouth landing exactly on the paper crease) and a hidden pocket which is revealed once the paper is unfolded. The inside of the pocket reveals the interior of the creature’s ‘mouth’.



- **#2:** Decide what type of creature or character you want to draw and begin drawing your outline. Make sure you line up the mouth with the fold in the paper. For older children, you can also have other parts of the drawing ‘open up’ such as the head!
- **#3:** Finish your surface drawing and color it in using makers, crayons, or colored pencils. Now open up your paper to its full length (revealing the hidden pocket) and continue to draw the interior of the mouth. Make sure your mouth interior lines up with the edges of the mouth from the main drawing. Color this in as well.
- **#4:** Fold your drawing back up so that only the exterior of the fold shows and the pocket or ‘mouth’ is hidden again. Using one hand on the top of the paper and one hand on the bottom, gently pull to open up the fold and reveal the hidden surprise!

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