



ARTS PLUS

# The Sunny Pages

At home art activities to brighten your day

## “Blob Monsters”

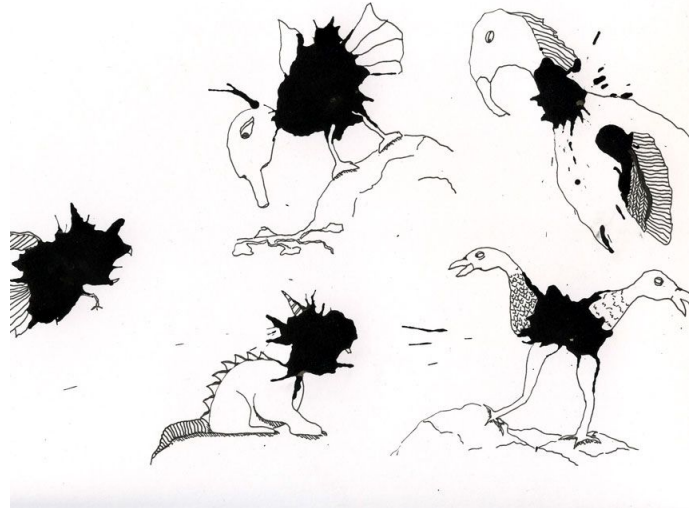
This activity is appropriate for ages 8 and up

Time from start to finish = 15 - 45 minutes

depending on difficulty level or variation

You will need the following materials:

- Paper, thick enough to handle paint
- Pens
- A drinking straw
- Watercolor paint or watered down acrylic/tempera paint
- Containers for paint
- Water
- Paintbrush



### Brief Project Description:

- For this project, participants will use drops of paint, straws, and unpredictable outcomes to create wacky blob monsters!

### Steps

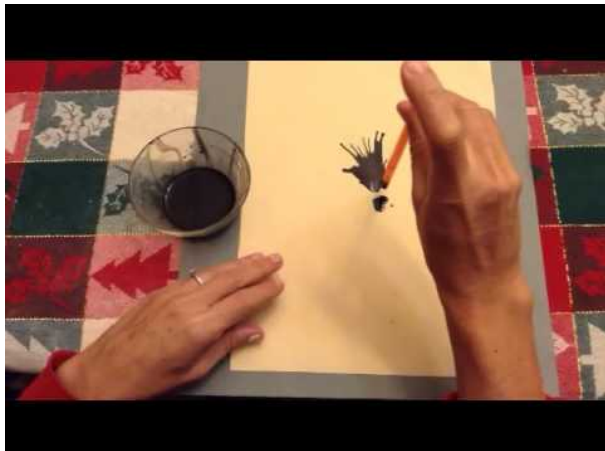
- **#1:** Prepare your paint. If you are using watercolor, activate it with water and store it in small containers. If you are using acrylic or tempera paint, make sure you water it down enough so that it will flow and create large drips.
- **#2:** Using your paintbrush, dip into the paint and make large random drops of color on your paper. Try to use multiple colors and don't worry about 'messaging up' (this activity is about making random blob shapes, so there's no right or wrong way to do it.)

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• **#3:** While the paint is still wet, use your straw and blow it directly at the paint drops. The idea is to use your breath and the straw to direct the wet paint into small zig zagging or spiraling tendrils. This will create interesting shapes and lines as well as help the paint disperse around the paper. Let the paint dry completely. This is also a fun activity to do outside and let the sun dry your paint!



• **#4:** After your paint is dry, take your pen and start to add details to your blob monster! The goal is not to completely cover your paint with drawings, but to use the blobs of color to inspire the shapes of the monsters you create. You can also use markers, crayons, and colored pencils to add color and details to your monsters. The fun of this activity is the unpredictable nature of the paint as well as the endless opportunity for repetition with different results. If you're feeling inspired, try to layer many blobs of paint over each other to create more complex creatures.

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