



Activity 2

FINE ARTS

Don't Box Me In!

It's always so much fun to use our creativity and imaginations. In this episode, Ms. Foster showed Mike and Mary how to create a "shoebox house". Starting with just a shoebox, some found objects, and art supplies, Ms. Foster made a home for three homemade puppets. Mike and Mary were so inspired, they created a replica of their music studio. If we use our imaginations, we can turn an ordinary box into almost anything!

VA Unified Early Learning and Development Standards

- ✓ APL1.1 Being curious learners
- ✓ APL1.2 Being active explorers
- ✓ APL3.2 Building working memory
- ✓ APL3.3 Thinking flexibly
- ✓ APL3.5 Persisting and problem-solving
- ✓ HPD3.1 Using eyes and hands together
- ✓ HPD3.2 Developing small muscle control
- ✓ SED1.2 Developing self-esteem and confidence
- ✓ CLLD2.1 Paying attention to print as meaningful
- ✓ CD4.2 Learning about and through music
- ✓ CD4.4 Using visual arts media to develop skills and express thoughts and feelings

Materials Needed

- Your imagination!
- Box/boxes
- Crayons or markers
- Tape
- Paper
- Scissors
- Recyclables

Directions

Find a box and gather art supplies and found objects, and create a home for your favorite stuffed animal or doll. Things to consider -- *How big will your box need to be? How will you decorate your box? What will your doll or animal need to be comfortable in their new home?*

Use your imagination to improvise with found objects and create things for your home.

Book Connections

- ***It's Not a Box*** by Antoinette Portis
- ***What To Do With a Box*** by Jane Yolen

These books provide lots of great ideas for pretend play. Now it is your turn to use your imagination!

What will your box become -- *a truck, a boat, a castle, a rocket, a secret hiding place?* Be sure to think of all the things you will need when pretending in your box.