



MAKING AND CREATING AT MY CREATION STATION

Imagination and creative play are how children explore and learn about the world!

Making something with your own hands will develop self-confidence and concentration. Every child has creative potential and need plenty of opportunities to express ideas and solve problems, starting with interests and strengths. One of the most important types of creative activity is play!

**Here are some activities for you and a grown up to do at home.
Follow the number trail, get creative and have fun!**

1, CLICK HERE TO LISTEN TO...

"I've Got This Hat" or find a book that you would like to read. We have given you some ideas on the next page.

2, LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND TALK ABOUT THE STORY...

3, MAKE SOMETHING

from the story. Have fun with the craft activities and if you can send us pictures of what you made!

4, RETELL

the story in your own words using something you made, or things you have in your house like toys and dress ups.

Look at the next few pages for ideas activities that our teachers have prepared.

Children are full of good ideas!

Children often show a natural curiosity in what you are doing, and they look up to you and want to grow up to be like you. Involve your child in your hobbies and interests. Keep it simple and start the spark!

HOW IS MY CHILD LEARNING ?

Prompting Questions:

- Can you find a colour that..?
- How can you hold the scissors safely?
- Can you cut out the different shapes?
- Can you pinch your fingers together?
- Can you hold ... in one hand?
- Can you roll, stretch, pinch, cut...the playdough?
- How can you make colours?
- Could you make something like that?
- I wonder how it works?

What does fine motor look like at home?

Using material such as stacking blocks and Lego pieces, children are using strength and skills to push and connect pieces through grasping, holding and pinching. Putting on shoes, buttoning clothes, doing up zippers and cleaning teeth are home activities that slowly refine motor skills.

The frontal lobe of the brain controls movement. The more the fine motor skills are practiced and developed, the faster the neurons are strengthened. Any types of play can help!

More books to explore creativity and imagination!



What does child initiated play look like

- ✓ Freely chosen by the child
- ✓ Little direct adult interaction or involvement
- ✓ Spontaneous and fun

Puzzles



Posting



Blocks



Playdough



RESOURCES TO COLLECT PRIOR TO SESSIONS



Malleable Materials

- Paper
- Coloured paper
- Wrapping paper
- Pieces of painted paper
- Cotton wool
- Black paper
- Brown / green/ yellow paper
- String/wool
- Coloured dot stickers
- Stapler
- Stick tape
- Glue to pour on paper plates (for easy disposal)
- Paper plates
- Washable water pots
- Paintbrushes (all sizes)
- Art shirts

Additional Resources

- Wipes
- Paper towels
- Large pieces of paper for tablecloths
- Tracing shapes
- Wooden spoons
- playdough
- Tweezers and small items for playdough trays
- Cookie cutters
- Threading games
- Geoboards and elastics
- Pipe cleaners
- Pegs
- Different writing pencils
- Straws
- Stickers
- Foam shapes

*Ingredients to make playdough
(see card)



NO BAKE PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

Easy No Bake Play-doh!

Ingredients

2 Cups Plain flour

1 cup salt

1 tbsp. oil

1 cup cold water

2 drops liquid food coloring (any color of your choice!)

Method

Step 1: Combine plain flour and salt

Step 2: Add water, food coloring and oil. Mix until ingredients are combined

Step 3: Knead Well.

Step 4: If consistency is too wet add a little plain flour.

Step 5: Enjoy!!!!

Playdough can be made as individual portions or make one large batch and separate. Add colouring to the playdough or glitter. Essential oils can be added for aroma.

Playdough can be used in so many ways. It originally only came in white and was invented as a cleaning product! Red is the most popular colour.



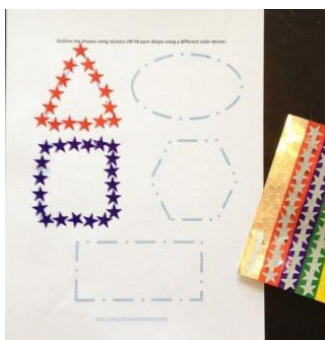
PEEL, SNIP AND STICK

CAN YOU STICK DOTS ON THE LINE...CAN YOU MAKE A PATTERN?

- Draw a line on a piece of paper
- Choose dot stickers to make a pattern on the line.
- Cut around the shape and create a picture, such as a caterpillar.



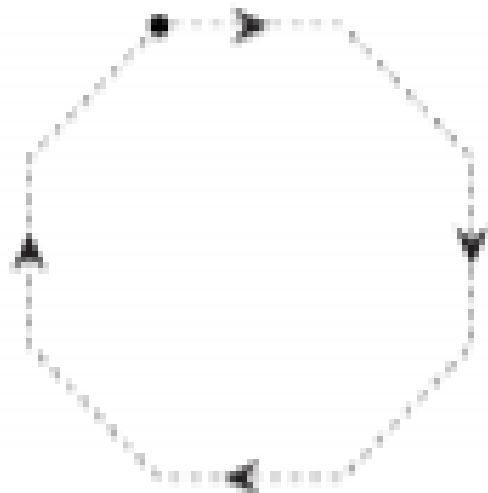
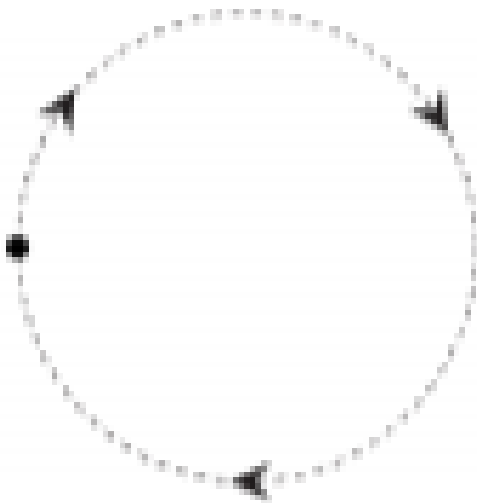
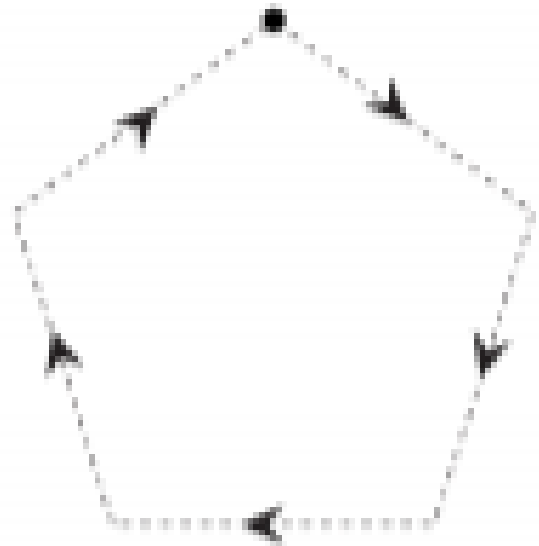
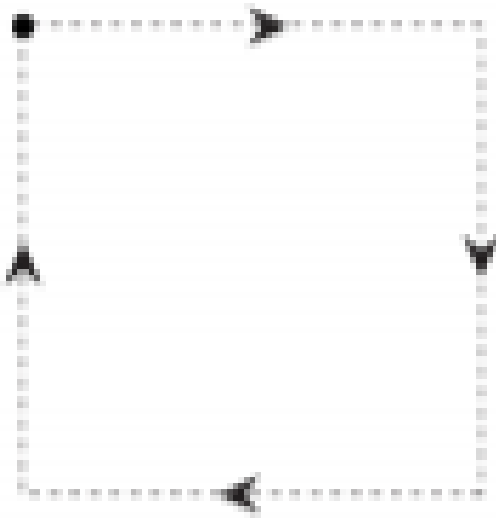
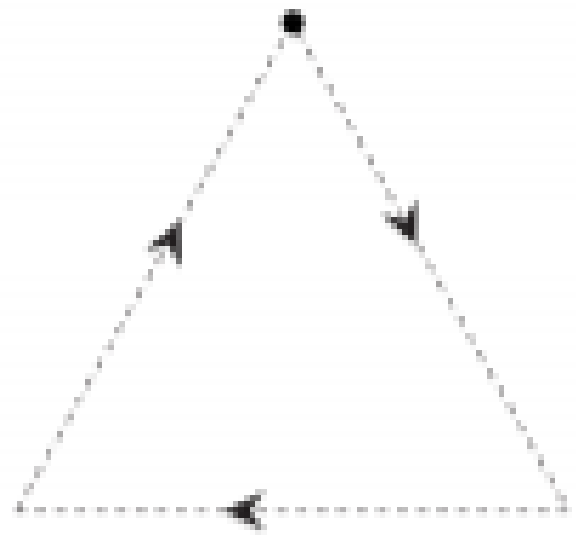
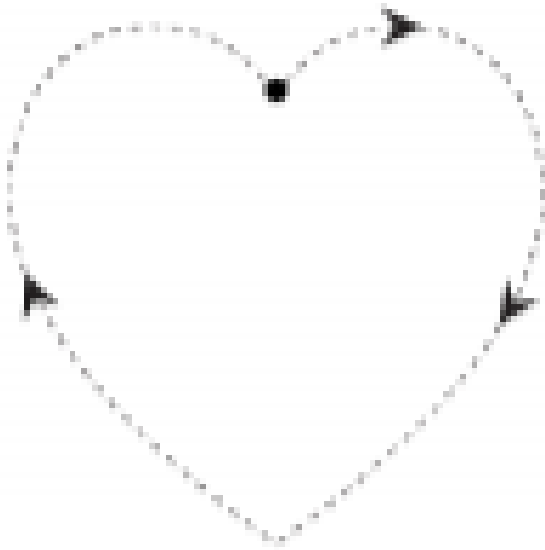
Or trace shapes using stickers



FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A GLASS WINDOW SHAPE

1. Cut out an outline of a shape. It could be a balloon, apple, square, triangle....
2. Place a piece of clear contact on one side.
3. Chip small pieces of tissue paper using a few different colours.
4. Stick the tissue paper on the contact.
5. Place another piece contact on top of the paper when finished decorating.





ON THE FARM PLAYDOUGH



You will need:

- Farm animals
- Trees
- Fences
- Playdough
- Tractors
- Blocks



AND DON'T FORGET YOUR
BOOK ABOUT FARM
ANIMALS!

FISHING AROUND!



You will need:

Paper plates and patty cases to create fins for the fish.

Use paper plates for a fish tank!



FUN AT HOME CRAFT CAN BE GREAT FOR DEVELOPING FINE MOTOR SKILLS AS WELL AS CREATIVITY AND IMAGINATION. MAKE SURE YOU EXPERIMENT WITH TEXTURES AND COLOURS

HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU MAKE PICTURES...DRAWING, PIPE CLEANERS, PAPER, SHAPES, PLAYDOUGH....

THREAD AND WEAVE



THREADING FOR VERY LITTLE HANDS:

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE LARGE ITEMS FOR SMALL HANDS TO HOLD AND MANIPULATE.



HANDPRINT BUTTERFLIES



You will need:

- Coloured paper or wrapping paper
- Wooden spoons
- Eyes
- Blue background paper
- Paper plates
- Straws and glue
- Crayons or textas

OR MAKE
A MASK...

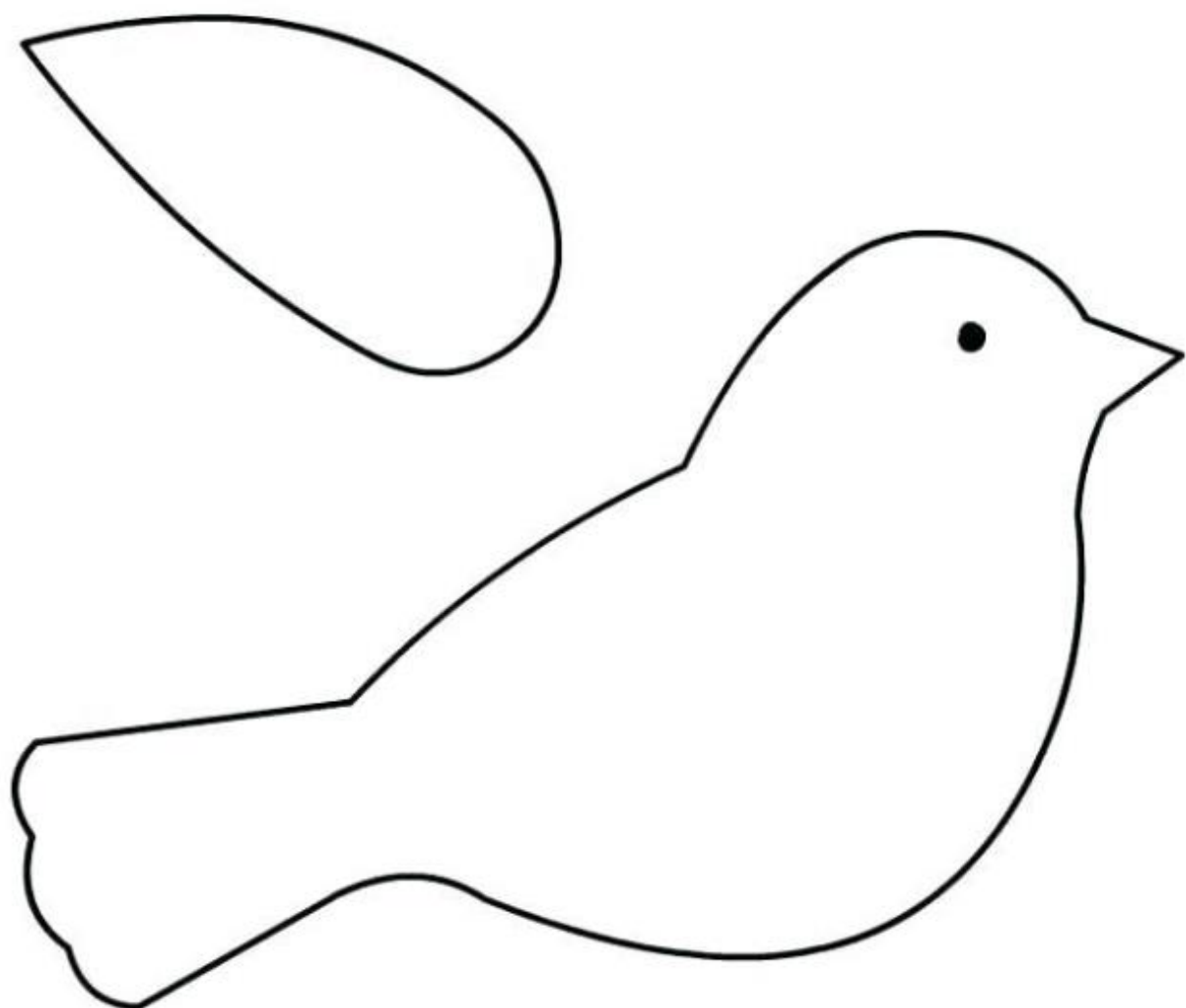


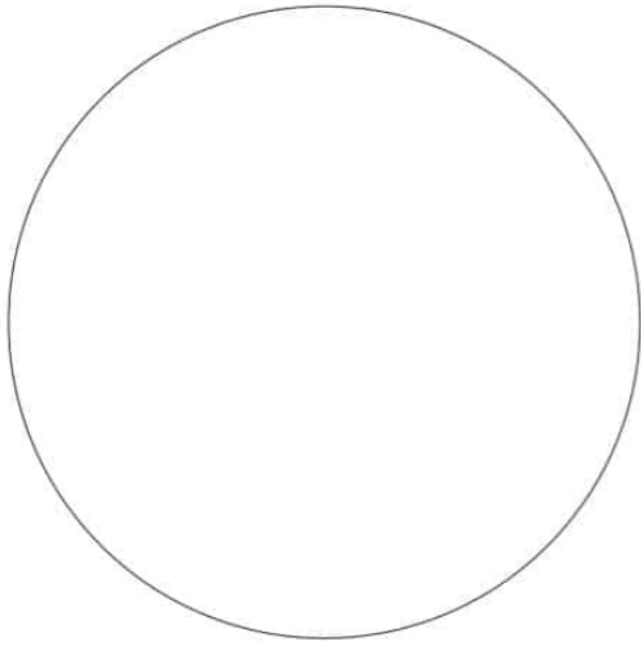
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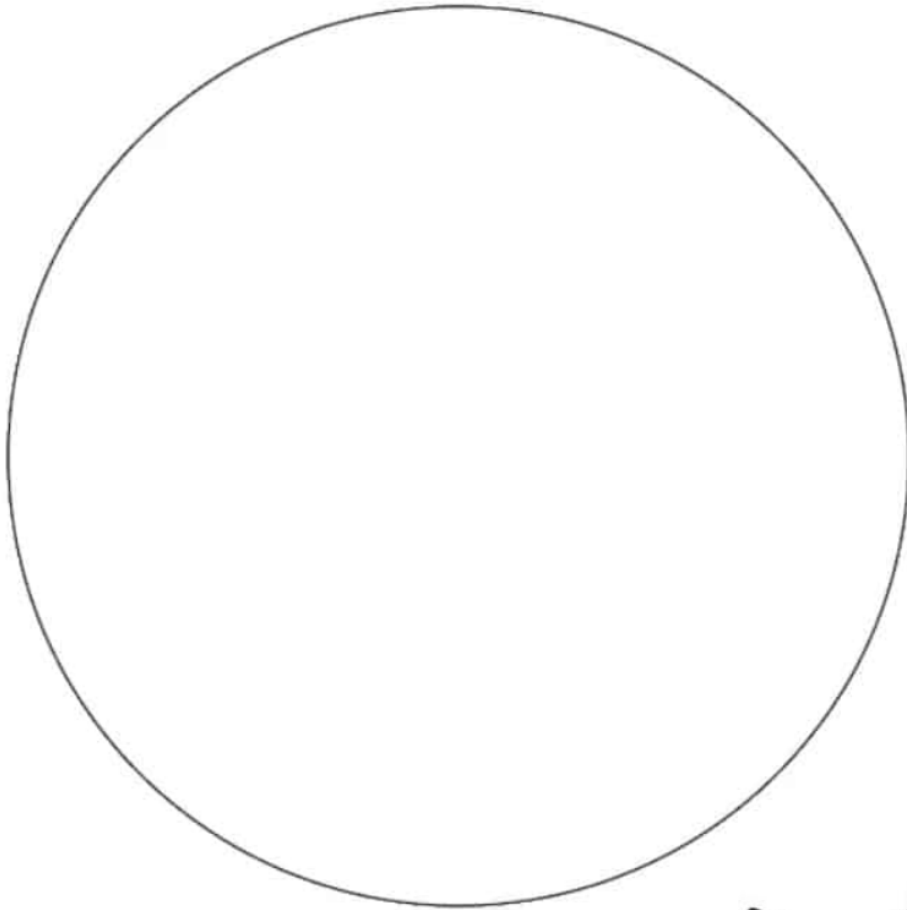
Children love using puppets and props to retell a story. The visual prop helps to increase confidence, motivation and oral language.

- Add a different voice for each character.
- Use the puppets for sequencing the story or for telling the beginning, middle and end of the story.





Duck head, body and beak



PATTERN PAINTING WITH CELERY



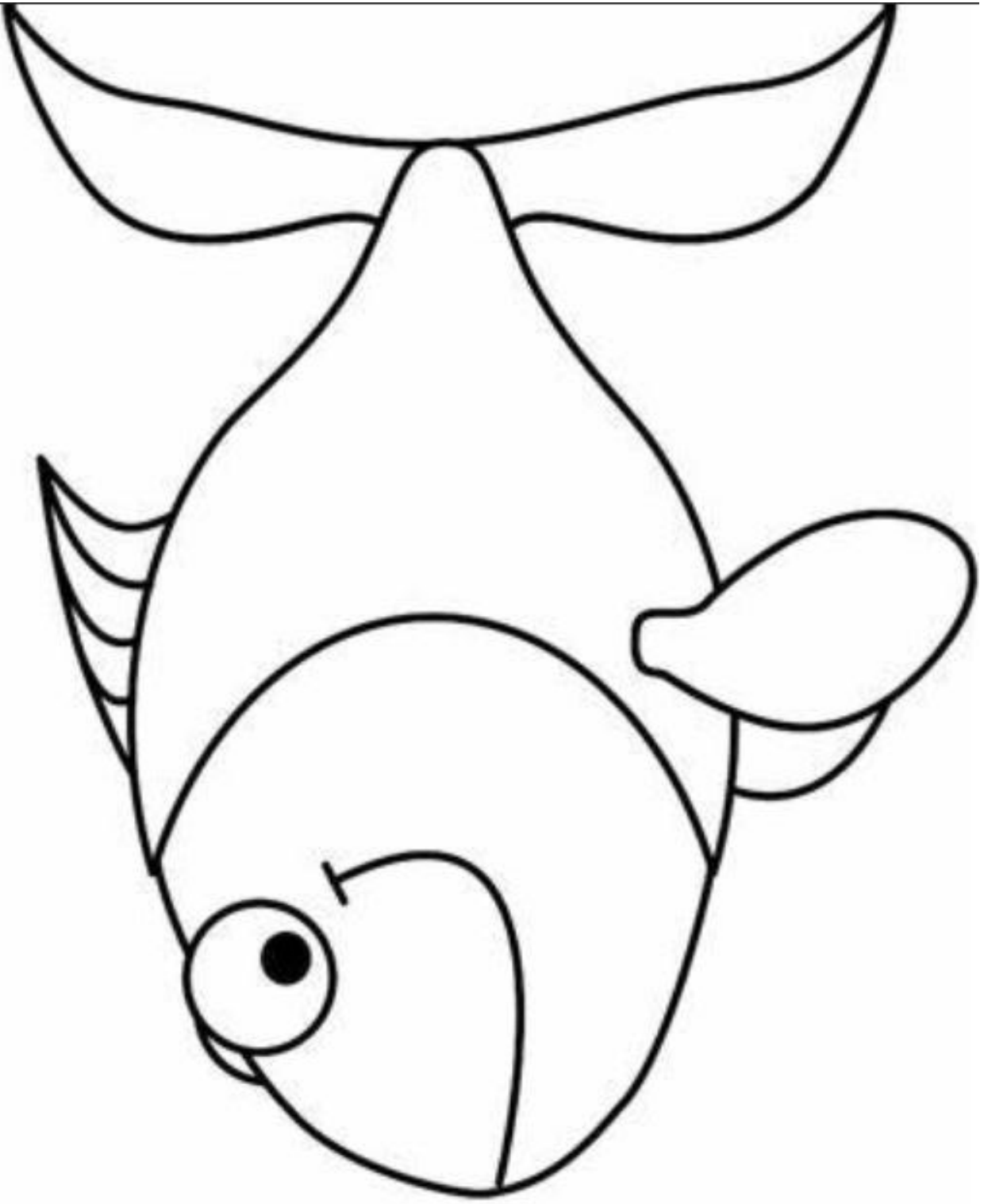
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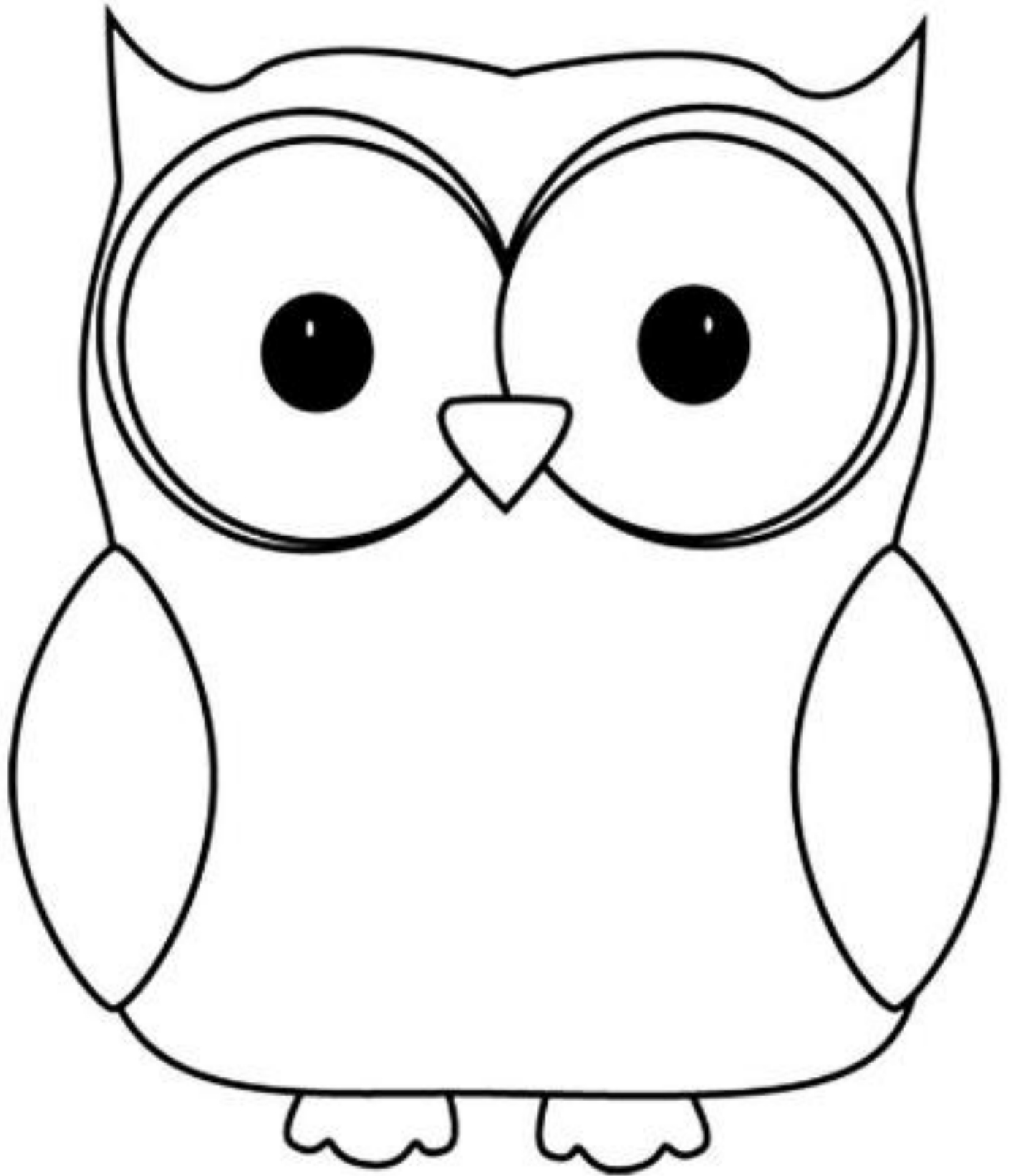
- Celery
- Paper
- Coloured paint blobs
- Art smock
- Outline of animal
- Scissors
- Craft paper

Making patterns by stamping helps develop eye hand coordination and control.

Often there is a process to follow to get a great result.







CAN YOU MAKE A PLAYDOUGH MONSTER?



Monster Play Dough Invitation



CAN YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PLAYDOUGH MONSTER?



CAN YOU MAKE A PAPER ANIMAL?



