

Picture Consequence

This art project is more like a game than a single art piece. It was a parlor game developed and played in the 1920s and 1930s by surrealist artists.

You will need at least one other person to play this game. Having three or more people works best. Doing it with your whole family for game night would be perfect.

Supplies

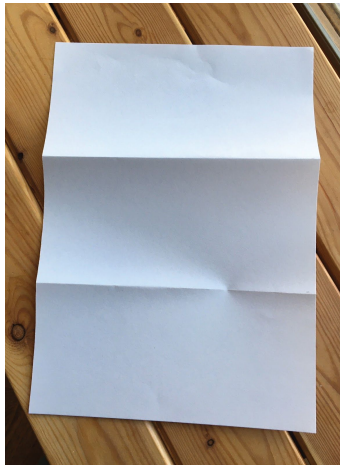
- At least 1 pencil or pen per person (or markers in several colors)
- A sheet of plain paper for each person

Instructions

1. Fold your paper into thirds.

Fold the paper into thirds by taking the top edge a third of the way down the paper and then bringing the bottom up to cover the top fold. Press a crease on both ends. You have folded the paper into thirds. It doesn't have to be exact.

Think of each section as a part of a body: the top is the head, the middle is the torso, and the bottom is the legs and feet.



2. Draw legs and feet in the bottom section of the folded paper.

Have each person draw legs and feet on their sheet, keeping it in the lower section of the fold. Use your imagination: shoes with bony legs? 6 insect legs? horse legs? When you are pleased with your drawing, draw just a little bit into the middle third so the next person knows where to attach the torso. Don't draw too much. Fold back the lower section (the feet/legs) so the next person cannot see what you have drawn except where the drawing extends a little into the middle section.



3. Pass the drawings to the left and draw in a torso in the middle section.

No peeking!

Draw a torso, letting your imagination go wild. Is it an insect? A human? A dog? A cat? Draw the torso and attach it to the leg or feet lines. Draw a little into the upper third of the paper so the next person knows where to attach the head. Fold back the section you just drew so the next person can't see it.



4. Pass the drawings to the left and draw a head in the top section.

No peeking!

Draw a head for your creature. Attach your head to the lines the last person put on this section.



5. Open up the paper and admire your creatures

When everyone is finished, it's time to unfold the sheets for the big reveal of your creature creations. You can repeat this activity over and over. Each time the drawings get better and better. You could start from the head or the torso.

If people are taking too long, set a timer for about 90 seconds for drawing each section.

If you're doing this activity by yourself, go through magazines and cut out heads, torsos, and legs and glue them together. We would love to see what you make! Please post your picture consequence creations to Instagram and tag @skokilibrary.

