

BLINK AT HOME

Inventive Illustrations



How can I use my art to help tell a story?

Skills to Develop

- + Early literacy skills
- + Verbal communication
- + Creative thinking

Materials

- + Imagination Library illustration booklist [PDF]
- + Unscented foam shaving cream
- + Tempera paint or food coloring
- + Spatula
- + Paper (cardstock recommended)
- + Baking dish
- + Wax paper
- + Paint brush

WHAT TO DO

During the Learning Activity

1. Choose a book from the Imagination Library illustration booklist [PDF]. As you read, discuss the illustrations: *what do you notice? How do you think the illustrations are made? How do the illustrations help tell the story? What do you like about the illustrations?*
2. Discuss that you are going to create patterned paper for your own collage illustrations like the ones in the book.
3. Help your child to spray a layer of shaving cream in the bottom of a baking dish large enough to fit your paper. Assist your child in dropping different colors of paint or food coloring into the shaving cream. Invite them to create different patterns in the color by moving the shaving cream around with the back side of the paint brush.
4. Carefully set the paper on top of the shaving cream. Help your child gently press the paper to be sure all parts of the paper make contact with the shaving cream. Lift the paper out of the baking dish.
5. Set the paper on the wax paper shaving cream side up. Allow to dry for three minutes to avoid smearing. Use the spatula to scrape excess shaving cream off the paper. Dry thoroughly.
6. Invite your child to create their own collage illustrations using the paper they created and paper of other colors and patterns. Cut or tear the paper into shapes and glue the shapes onto a sheet of paper to illustrate a story.

Extend the Fun

- + Use other techniques—such as stamping or stencils—to create paper for your collage illustrations.



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Illustration Booklist

Curated with Best Beginnings

- + *Daniel Finds a Poem* by Micha Archer
- + *Daniel's Good Day* by Micha Archer
- + *Sleep Tight with the Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- + *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- + *This Beach is Loud!* by Samantha Cotterill
- + *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- + *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats
- + *One Leaf, Two Leaves, Count with me!* by John Micklos Jr.