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Hi everyone, Eilis here

I hope you are all navigating your way around the change of levels and are keeping healthy and well. As I write this we are having some much needed rain in Auckland. Remember to save water Aucklanders!

Here's a sculptural adventure I thought you might want to try out. It is also something that you can collaborate on with your friends and whānau when we are together.



What you need

- Cardboard packaging – cereal boxes, any boxes heading for the recycling bin, thicker cardboard boxes are good but sometimes tricky to cut
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Coloured pencils, crayons or paints if you want to decorate your shapes

Now for the making

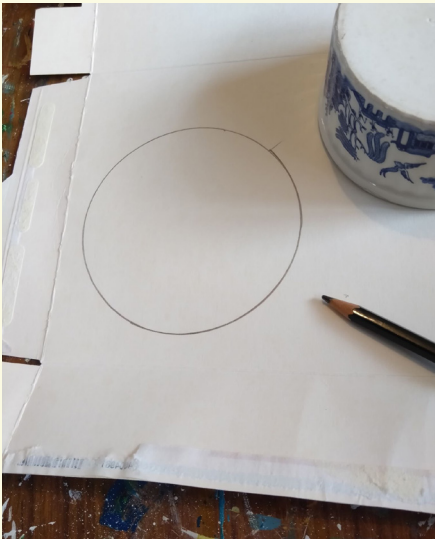
Decide on what shape or shapes you want to work with. They can be geometrical (circle, triangle, square...), organic (flower, star, leaf...), or random (like cloud shapes...).

Draw the shape onto the cardboard, perhaps about as big as your hand, and then cut it out. If you want more of the same shape you can use your first one as a template and draw around it.

Cut out as many shapes as you want to. I suggest at least seven or eight. The more shapes you have the more you can work with.

If you want to embellish your shapes, use your crayons, paints or felts. You may want to use symbols or words that mean something to you.

Ellie Galuszewski (2020).





Here are my colourful bubble shapes.

Once you have all your shapes, you can then cut slots in to them. These are what let us join them all together. The slots should go from the edge of the shape to about halfway to the centre of the shape.



You can mark them out as I've done in the photo, using another piece of cardboard as a ruler.

It's a good idea to have a couple of slots on each piece, so you have a few options about how the pieces go together. This will also make it easier to assemble your sculpture. In my shapes I have about four slots.

Once slots are marked, you can cut them – and then the fun part of assembling begins!



What will your cardboard connected sculptures look like?

Some sculptures will stand on their own, others will look great hanging up using string or wool.

I like that I can change my sculpture as I want to and rebuild it whenever I like.

Autumn makes me think of leaves, so I made a few leaf shapes.



Clouds inspired my random shapes and I built a mixed shape sculpture with them. Below is a photo of one that is hanging up. It's interesting to see it from different angles. I love the shadow of this sculpture, it kind of looks like a bird flying to me - what do you think? Can you see it?

Ellis Galuszewski (2020).



Here are a few ideas to think about regarding your sculpture.

What does it look like to you – does it remind you of anything?

If you walk around it and look at it from the other side, how is it different?

If your sculpture could make a sound, what would it be?

Changing and re-building

This is a great Adventure to share with your friends and whānau. Once you've all created your individual shapes, then you can connect your sculptures and/or rebuild one combining everyone's shapes.

Our Education team have been creating their own shapes during lockdown, and I can't wait for the time when we can all bring these together in our workrooms. I wonder what shapes they'll bring when we come together and connect our sculptures?



Here's Jean, Penny, Ashlee and Megan, our Education Team, creating sculptures from their shapes. I'm looking forward to building our collaborative Cardboard Connection sculpture.

If you like you can share it by using the hashtag **#CEACAdventures** and tagging us on Instagram or DM'ing us on Facebook. You might even feature on our social media pages!

Till next time, stay healthy, well and warm.

Ellis



Eilis is an Irish Kiwi who is a Mum to 3 adult kids and a Mhamo (aka grandmother) to 1 gorgeous little boy. She's currently living and working in her bubble with her husband (who is an essential worker), daughter and two crazy cats, Morrigan and Boudicca. Eilis loves trees and eating mangoes, blueberries and passionfruit.



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