

Summer of Creativity

Monster Pot Pitch

with Ignite Imaginations artist, Karen

Have fun making your own game using upcycled materials

In this session you will learn to create your own Monster Pot Pitch Game

What you will need

- Empty, clean recycled containers with wide openings: e.g. cereal boxes, tea boxes, cracker boxes, gravy granules pots, tissue boxes, plastic jars with wide lids, paper cups, egg boxes, apple/fruit trays etc.
- Coloured paper or card, plain paper or card or pages from magazines
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Tape, double-sided tape or glue dots
- Felt tips or pencil crayons
- Newspaper (for the ball)
- Masking tape (for the ball)
- Felt tips or pencil crayons

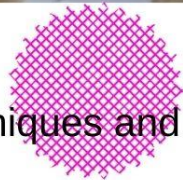
For Extra Decoration (Optional):

- Straws • Craft foam • Pipe cleaners
- Feathers • Wool • Googly eyes



Karen's top tip:

Be creative! Try using different techniques and materials for each of the monster pots you create.



Step-by-Step Instructions

Ignite Imagination's advise that this activity should be carried out under the supervision of an adult.

Start by gathering your empty recycling containers and materials.

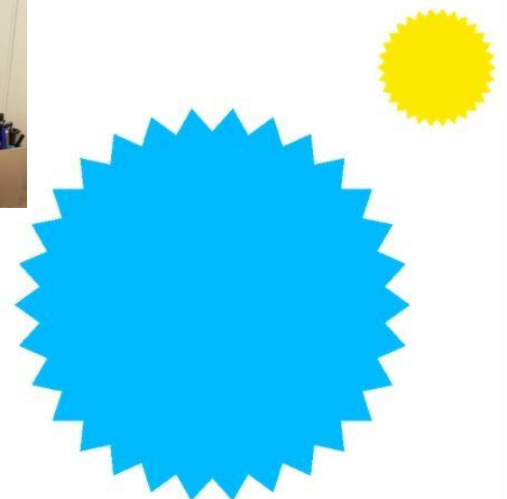
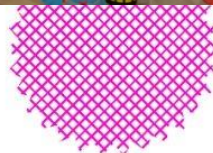
Making your Newspaper Balls

- 1) Take half a single page of a small newspaper and scrunch it up and then wrap it tightly with sticky tape or masking tape.
- 2) Roll each ball around in your hand to create a better sphere. Check that the ball easily fits in your empty containers. Discard any containers where the ball doesn't fit.
- 3) Repeat until you have six balls for your game.

Making your Monster Pots

Children should always be supervised when using sharp objects

- 1) Let the shapes of your empty containers inspire you to help you create different sorts of monsters.
- 2) Cut side openings for containers that are too small at the top to fit the balls in. Cut coloured paper or patterned magazine pages to size, then wrap around the containers, securing with sticky or double-sided tape.
- 3) Create eyes from paper or magazines or draw your own monster eyes using inspiration from the video or some of your favourite books. Stick them onto the pots and containers.
- 4) Create mouths or beaks from coloured paper or draw some monster mouths using inspiration from the video or some of your favourite books. Stick them into place.
- 5) Using felt tips, wool, straws, pipe cleaners or coloured paper, make some hair or antennae, arms or whiskers and any other decorations to finish.
- 6) You could name each monster depending on his characteristics.





To play the game

- 1) Once your monster pots are finished (and dried if they need to dry). Set out your monster pots in a clear space on the floor, away from things you could knock over with your newspaper balls.
- 2) Decide how many points each of the pots will score. Maybe the pot that is the most difficult to get the ball in, gets the most points.
- 3) Decide the rules for your own Monster Pot Pitch game. You could think about the following;

How far away will I stand to throw the paper balls? Will younger players get to stand nearer? How many throws does each player get?

- 4) Enjoy the game!

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