

Crayola.com Inspiring Ideas

Multicolored Monster



Crayola Supplies

- Model Magic®
- Washable Markers

Other Supplies

- None

Why?

Indulge your kids' delight at being a little scared. Kids who have fears might sculpt their worst nightmare-and feel less afraid of it in the process.

How?

1. What makes something scary? Is it how it looks? Its colors? Shape? Sounds? Monsters in frightening stories and myths have features such as lots of heads, pointy horns, clawed feet, barbed tails, sharp fangs, and giant wings. Some monsters are a mix of different creatures combined into one. Let your imagination run wild and create your own scariest monster of all!

2. Using Crayola® Model Magic®, sculpt your creature. Use white or colored Model Magic®. Mix colors that give you goose bumps by blending Model Magic® with Crayola® Washable Marker colors. Shape your monster body and parts out of the modeling material. The modeling material sticks to itself, so you can easily add pieces such as horns and ragged teeth. Dry.

3. Add monster details with markers. Maybe your monster could sit by your bed to scare off bad dreams.

When and Where Suggestions?

- "This project helped allay my son's fears about creatures that go bump in the night. Now he sleeps easier."
Joshua T., dad of 4-year-old.
- "Kids wrote poems to go along with their monsters, much like Angelou's poem set to Basquiat's paintings."
Juliette R., after-school volunteer.

Interesting Information

The word *monster* comes from a Latin word meaning *to warn*. These imaginary creatures were believed to be an early warning system about impending disaster.

Safety Guidelines

Safety guidelines recommend this art project is suitable for all ages of children, including those 3 years and younger. Whenever an art project is done with children ages 3 or younger, close adult supervision is required to ensure safety.

Model Magic® and other modeling compounds: Keep finished product away from open flame. Do not mold into candleholders or other like items for use around flame. Do not put in oven, microwave, or kiln.

Related Books

Diary of a Monster's Son by Ellen Conford

Go Away, Big Green Monster by Ed Emberley

Greek Myths: Gods, Heroes and Monsters: Their Sources, Their Stories and Their Meanings by Ellen Switzer

Life Doesn't Frighten Me by Maya Angelou

Scare a Ghost, Tame a Monster by Jeannie Bendick

The Gargoyle on the Roof: Poems by Jack Prelutsky

Weird! Complete Book of Halloween Words by Peter Limburg

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

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