

## It's Okay to be Silly

Need some silly inspiration? Check out these resources from PBS Learning Media to have silly fun through art, movement, food, and language!

### Silly Sentences | Martha Speaks

Supplies: Newspaper, Child-safe scissors, White paper, Crayons or markers, Glue stick

1. Look through a newspaper with your child and identify at least 10 headlines your child likes best. For example, headlines with interesting words, creative phrasing, or familiar places and people.
2. Cut apart the headlines, word-for-word, and then set them aside.
3. Talk with your child about the meaning of each word. Use them in sentences, just like Martha does.
4. Build Your Silly Sentences. Using your headline "word bones," help your child create at least five sentences. Be creative. Be silly. Experiment with different phrases.
5. Glue the sentences onto the white paper. Invite your child to create a picture to go along with each sentence.

*If a paper newspaper is not available, this activity can be adapted by using an online newspaper..*

Take It Further: Select one of your silly sentences and turn it into a silly story. Take turns with your child adding sentences to your original silly sentence until you have built it up into an entire story!

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### Snack Hacks | Silly Salad

Snack Hacks are fun healthy recipes to make with your child that provide positive experiences with healthy foods. Spend some quality time together while building science, reading, and math skills. This Silly Salad recipe brings a tasty smile! [pbslearningmedia.org/resource/snack-hacks-silly-salad/snack-hacks-silly-salad/](https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/snack-hacks-silly-salad/snack-hacks-silly-salad/)



### Silly Shoes | Everyday Learning

This video features Mr. Steve from PBS KIDS performing his original song "Silly Shoes," which encourages children to move and dance with inspiration from their own "silly shoes." [pbslearningmedia.org/resource/ket-mrsteve-song5/silly-shoes/](https://pbslearningmedia.org/resource/ket-mrsteve-song5/silly-shoes/)





DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD

# Make a Silly Folded Picture

15 min activity



As children grow, they come to know the good feeling of playing and working together. "It's such a good feeling to play with family and friends. Such a happy feeling when they lend you a hand." In this activity, your child can practice cooperation skills. They'll need at least one other player — but the silly drawing is more fun with more people!

## "Work together! If you can't do it alone, work together!"

It can be hard for young children to cooperate and listen to each other's ideas. They need your help to learn to work and play with others. Sing together Daniel's song, "If you can't do it alone, work together." When your child is playing with other children, help them find ways to play together — and clean up together, too.

### Materials

- Sheets of paper
- Pencil, pen, or marker

### Directions

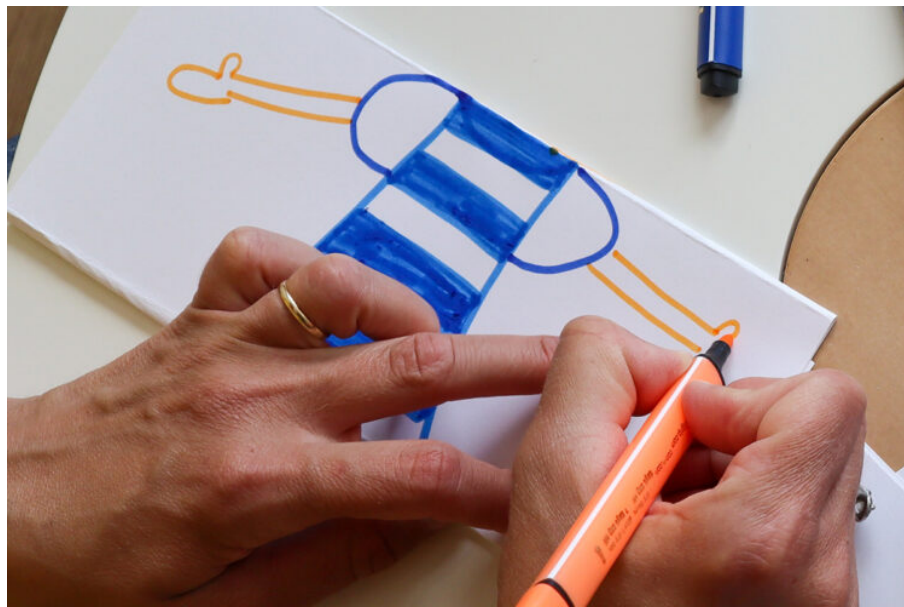
- 1** Fold a sheet of paper in thirds, so that only the top section is showing.



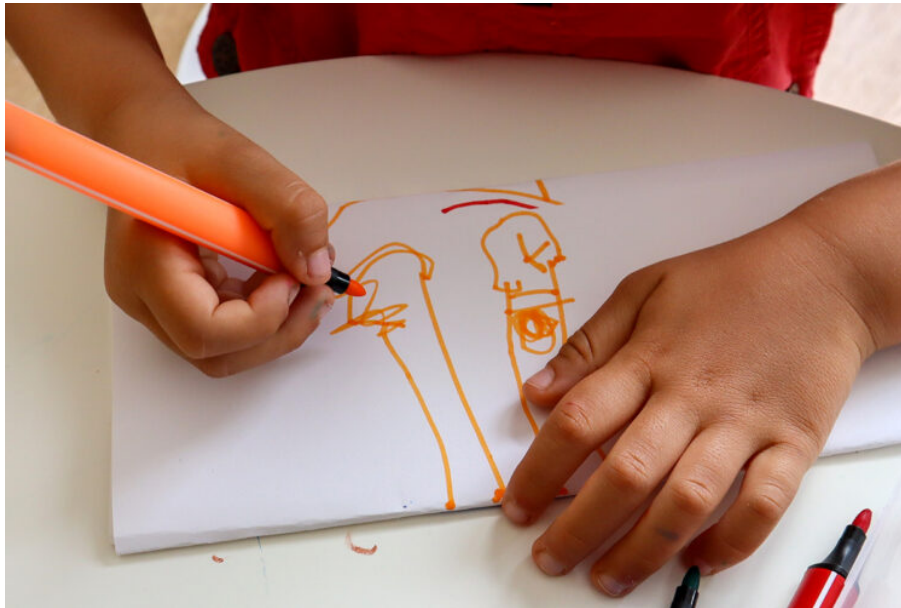
- 2** Out of view of the others, have your child draw the head of an animal or person on the top third. Then ask your child to fold that section under to hide what they have drawn.



- 3** Out of view of the others, draw the body of an animal or person in the middle third of the sheet of paper. Then fold that section under to hide what you have drawn.



- 4** The last person will draw the legs of the animal or person.



**5** Unfold the picture to find a funny group masterpiece!



We hope you had fun together! Snap a photo of you and your child doing the activity and share it with us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. We'd love to see how it turned out!

Want more "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" activities? Check out the Make a Book About Friends craft and the Practice SUPER Morning and Bedtime Routines activity to continue the fun!

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