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Adventure Diorama

Let's create an adventure diorama!

The earliest artworks we've discovered show that artists have always been inspired by nature. Even today, artists who create exciting imaginary scenes use ideas they gather from nature. A diorama is a way to build an exciting scene in a very small space. Dioramas are great for combining natural and imaginary scenes.

Materials

Found materials from outside, like leaves, grass, or small rocks
Found materials from inside, like small toys, craft supplies, or items from the recycling bin
Shoebox
Scissors
Colored construction paper
Glue
Pencil
Notepaper

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Gather your found materials. Set the shoebox on one of its long sides so that the open top faces you.

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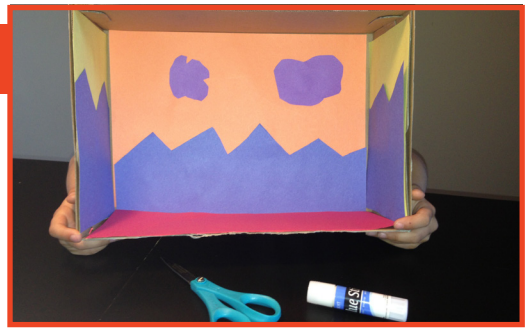

Begin creating your scene by gluing construction paper shapes to the back, sides, and bottom of the open box.

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Add the found materials you gathered from outside to your scene.

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Add the found materials you gathered from inside to your scene. What's happening here?

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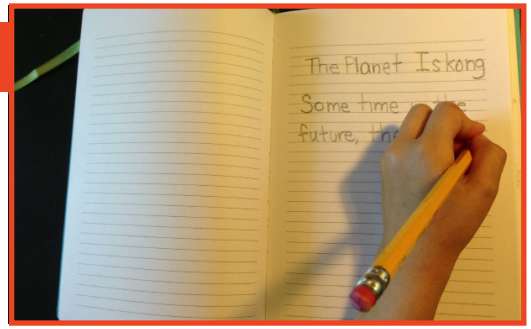

Write a short story about the adventure inside your diorama.

What an awesome adventure!

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