

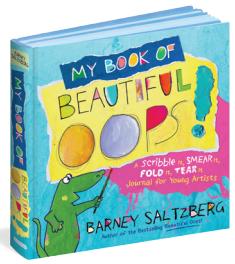
Celebrate mistakes!

Host a Make-Your-Own Oops Art Event

for Kids ages 5+
and Experience the Joy of Oops!

"*Beautiful Oops!* is a small, joyful book that shows kids that there is no such thing as a mistake—life just presents us with events that open windows to new ways of seeing and thinking. It will resonate with those who are frozen by perfectionism, and it is also fun and positive for those kids who love imaginative interaction and exploration."

—Judy Bulow,
Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO



Suggested Activities

- *Beautiful Oops!* story time
- Make Oops art! (downloadable templates available*)
- Musical Oops—(download the song*)



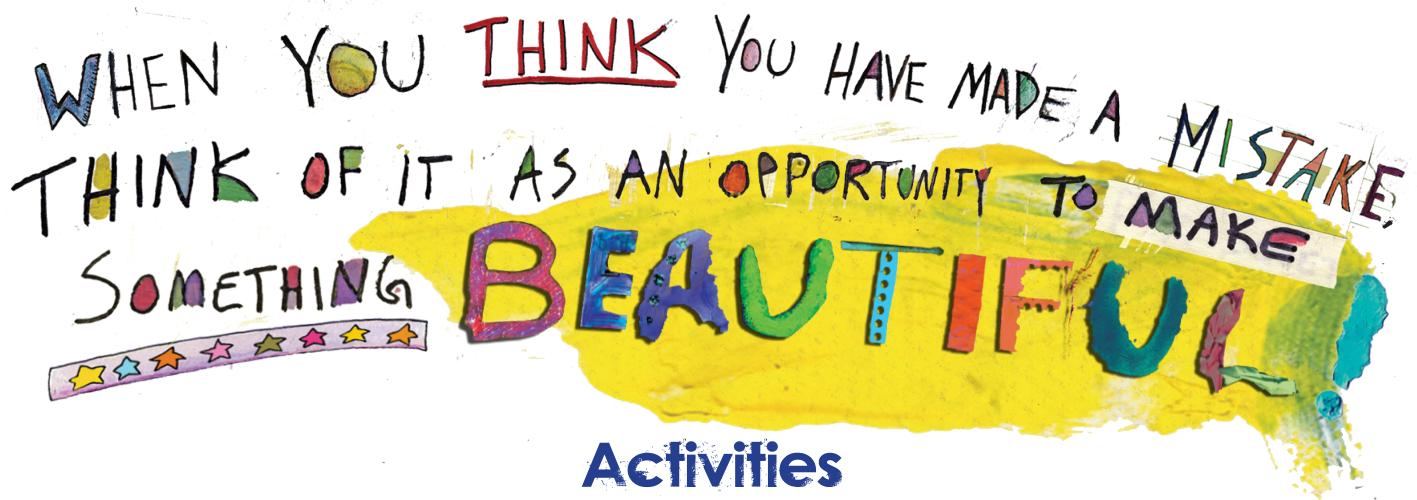
Recommended Materials

- *My Book of Beautiful Oops!*
- Printed downloadable activity pages*
- Drawing paper and cardstock
- Glue, kid-safe scissors, and staplers
- Crayons, magic markers, colored pencils, and washable paint in squeeze bottles
- Paper plates or cardboard
- Drinking straws
- The downloaded "Beautiful Oops!" song*, a hat, and prizes†
- Digital camera and printer
- Photo frames

(†Crayons, paints, brushes, sketch pads, colored pencils, chalk, or a book make great prizes!)

*Downloadable materials, an event announcement poster, and the "Beautiful Oops!" song are available at workman.com/blog/beautifuloopsevenkit

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Getting Started

- Set out art supplies and distribute copies of the downloadable activity pages.*
- Demonstrate how tearing paper can make all kinds of shapes.
- Let each child crumple a piece of paper, glue it to another flat piece of paper, and create something fun. Is it the body of an animal? A snowman? The center of a flower?

Glue and Paint Ooze

- Have the kids squeeze white glue onto a piece of cardboard or a paper plate in any random pattern.
- Next, instruct them to stick tissue paper pieces to the glue. (Tissue paper over glue can be layered for neat color combinations.) After the glue dries, make the suggestion of adding a face, arms, and legs to their design to create an animal or person.
- Squeeze a bit of paint onto a paper plate or cardboard. With a straw, blow on the paint to splatter around the paper. When the paint is dry, each child can create a picture from the shape.

Pass the Drawing

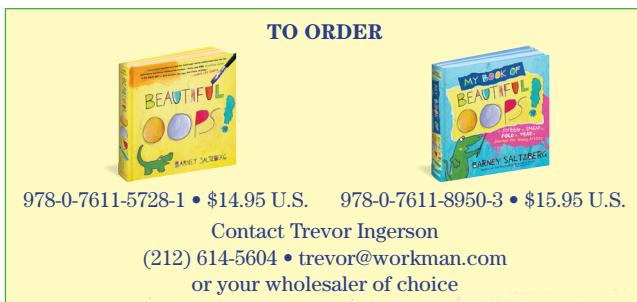
- Have each child make a mistake on purpose (a smear, a dot, a scribble) on a piece of paper.
- After one minute, have everyone pass his or her drawing to the left.
- The next person adds onto the drawing to turn it into something amazing. (Themes may be suggested at first, like Pass the Lion, or Pass the Truck or Pass the Monster, etc.)

Oops Souvenirs

- Have the kids create a booklet (including a cover) of their drawings.
- Take digital photos of the children during key activities.
- Print out the photos and place them in a photo frame so each child can include it in their booklet.
- Staple all the pages together, and voilá—an instant take-away memory from your event.
- Each child can add his or her own cover.

Musical Oops

- Write numbers on small pieces of paper—one for each guest—and place in a circle on the floor.
- Place matching slips of paper with each number in a hat.
- Have the children dance around the circle to the song, “Beautiful Oops!”.*
- Stop the music, ask the children to stand on the number closest to theirs, and pull a slip of paper from the hat.
- The child standing on the number drawn from the hat leaves the game and chooses a prize from a basket.
- Continue until all of the children are out of the game, and give each child a prize.

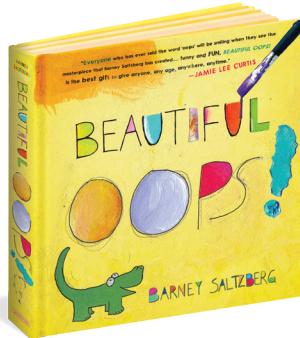


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A LITTLE DRIP OF PAINT...
LETS YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD.

What can you make out of this Dops?

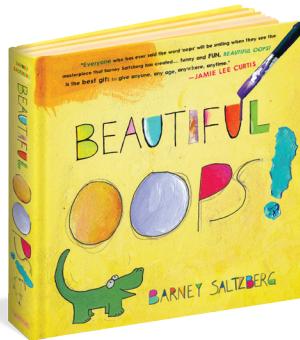


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A SMUDGE AND A SMEAR... CAN MAKE MAGIC APPEAR.

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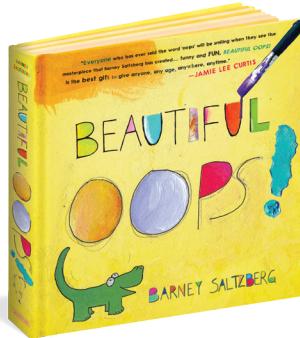


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A stain...has potential
if you play with its shape.

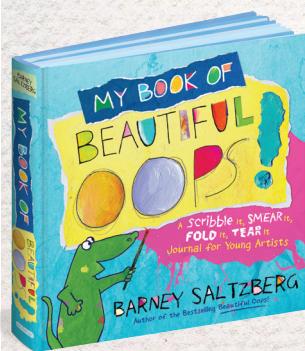
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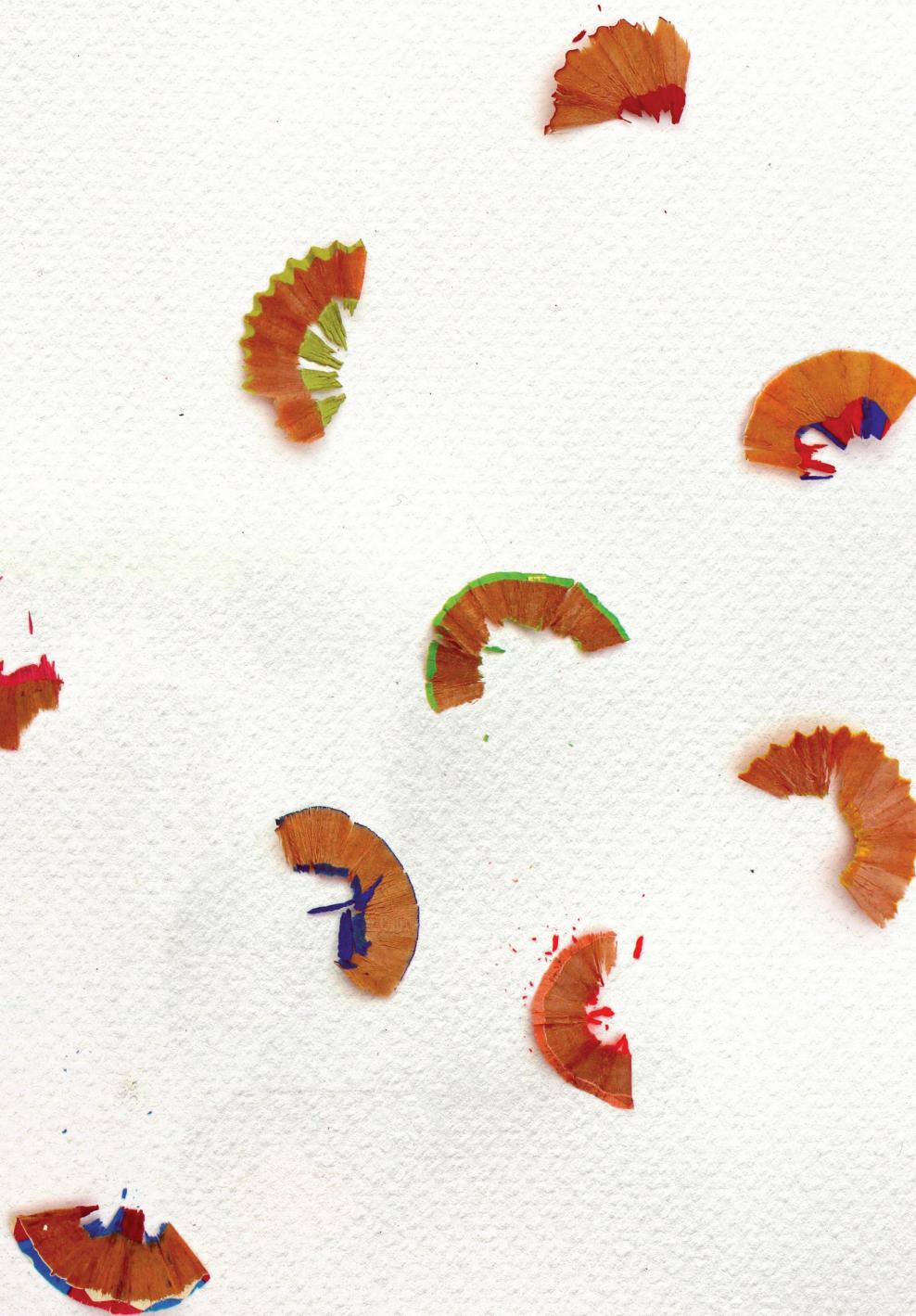
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shavings away when
you can use them to
create art?

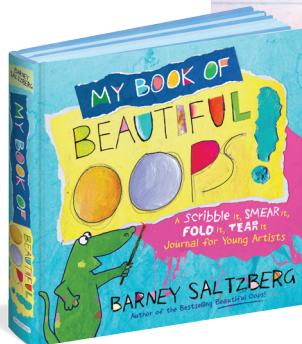
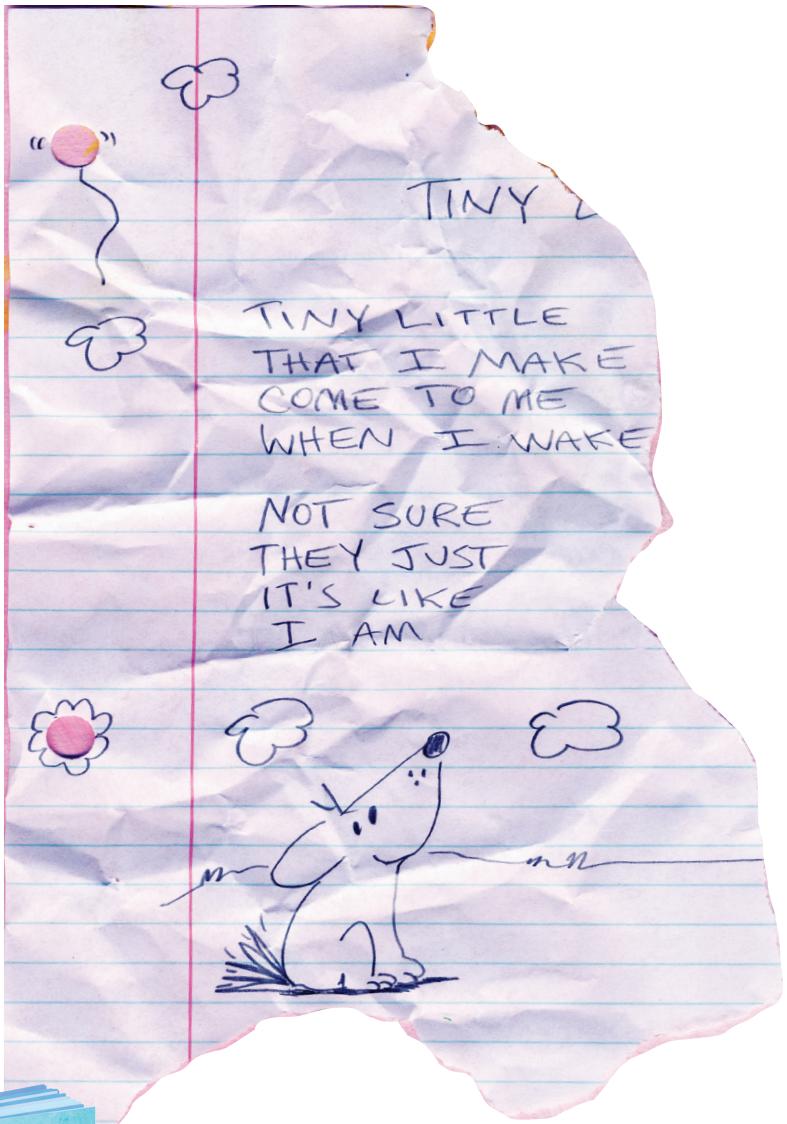


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CAN YOU FINISH THE LINES TO WRITE A POEM?



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