

# Host a MOVABLE PAPER ANIMAL PROJECT WORKSHOP for kids ages 6+

Show kids they can be artists with just a little guidance and encouragement! Working with basic art supplies such as paint, markers, paper, and scissors, children discover that there's no right or wrong way to create these fun movable animals.

WH(): Children 6-12

LENSTH: About 30 minutes

COST Of

MATERIALS: About \$25 for a group of 25 children

HOW: Use the instructions included in this activity kit to plan your own Art Sparks workshop. Materials include:

- Workshop leader's planning tips
- Project plan
- Movable Paper Animal templates

Art fosters a sense of independence, teaches creative problem-solving, and shows children that they have their own unique talent and style. What kids gain through making art can be applied to the rest of their lives: they learn to see the possibilities in things, they develop a greater amount of self-confidence, and they discover abilities they never knew they had.



WHY:

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# It only takes a little planning to prepare for a MOVABLE PAPER ANIMAL WORKSHOP. Simply follow the guidelines below:

#### 4 OR MORE WEEKS BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Order your copy of Art Sparks using the ordering information below.
- Familiarize yourself with the Movable Paper Animals project.

### UP TO 1 WEEK BEFORE THE WORKSHOP

- Shop for materials (see Materials List on the next page).
- Test the project to be sure you know the steps.



#### DAY OF THE WORKSHOP

- Cover tables or desks with disposable tablecloths.
- Complete the prep work listed in the project plan.
- Coach the participants through each step.
- Encourage participants to do the steps on their own, but be available to help if they need a hand.
- Remember the project is meant to boost creativity and confidence so there is no right or wrong way to do it.

#### **END OF THE WORKSHOP**

- Have participants help with cleanup.
- Send the paper animals home with the participants.

## AFTER YOUR WORKSHOP

We love to see what kids make! Post pictures from the workshop to your social media channels and tag @storeypub on Twitter and Instagram or Storey Publishing on Facebook, and use #artsparksbook.

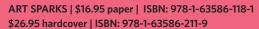


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# MATERIALS LIST:

- The Movable Paper Animals templates (included at the end of this document)
- White cardstock, or heavyweight or mixed media paper. You can fit two animals onto one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper.
- Colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Scissors
- Thumbtack or needle to poke holes
- Tiny brads (these can be found in the scrapbooking section of most arts and crafts stores)



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# SETTING UP:

- Print the Movable Paper Animals templates.
- Trace each shape onto a piece of cardstock (or heavyweight or mixed media paper) and cut out each one. These are the tracers that children will use to make their own animals, so you may want to prepare multiple templates of each animal.
- Label each tracer as it is labeled on the downloadable template ("Owl Body, Owl Foot," etc.) so that children will know which pieces they need to trace to make their animal.
- Cut several clean sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper in half so that children can get started tracing. A single half sheet can accommodate all tracers needed to make each animal.

# STEP BY STEP:

- Have children trace the shapes for their animal onto the half sheet of paper.
- Don't cut it out yet!
- Using the colored pencils, have children color in each shape on their paper. They can make the animal as realistic or as original as they want!
- Once all of the shapes have been colored, have the child (or a grown-up) carefully cut out each one.
- Using the downloadable template as a guide, make a small dot on each animal piece to mark where holes should be punched. Use a thumbtack or needle to poke a hole in each cut-out shape (make sure that an adult does this!). Line up the holes punched in the animal pieces and, starting from the colored side, insert a tiny brad, and separate the back sides of the brad so that it stays in place.



