

Grade: K - 2

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Creating with recycled materials found in your home is always a great way for children to learn not just creativity but about recycling, re-using and taking care of our planet. Let's see what your child can do with common household items!

Materials:

- Magazine (I used the Southern Living April 2020 issue)
- White paper (two pieces per each collage)
- Elmer's Glue (or glue stick)
- Pencil and eraser
- Scissors
- Round cup or similar item such as a plastic lid (for children who may have trouble drawing a circle)

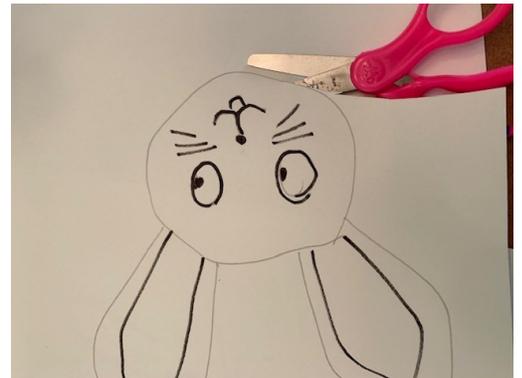
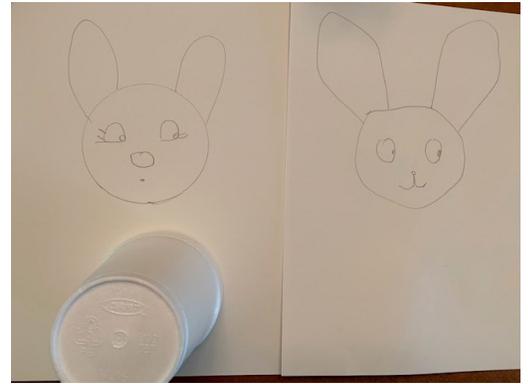
Instructions:

- Find a magazine, any magazine such as Southern Living, or even a seed catalog, as long as it has photos of flowers and/or vegetables
- Set up all materials listed above before you begin.
- Start looking through the magazine and cut out any flowers and/or vegetable photos that you find and that you like. You may not use all the photos you cut out, but just cut them all out. It's better to have more than you may need. Photo at right shows the assortment of photos cut out for this project. I also included some "pink" paper sections of the magazine, as shown on top left. These will be used on the bunny ears. Place your assortment of cutouts to the side for now.



Drawing the Bunny Instructions:

- Have your child draw a large circle on the paper. If he still can't draw circles too well, use the a cup or plastic lid as a stencil to draw the circle. Once the circle is drawn, draw the bunny eyes, ears, nose and mouth. Don't forget the whiskers!
- With a black marker outline the facial features and the inside of the ear as shown on photo on lower right.
- I drew two bunnies here. One using a Styrofoam cup as a stencil for the head and the other was drawn freehand.
- Cut the bunny head all around. Be careful especially around the ears. Don't cut the ears off!



Collage Instructions:

- Choose any of the cutout flowers or vegetables from your assortment. To start with I chose the radish cutout. Bunnies love radishes!
- Apply glue to the back of the radish cutout as shown on the right photo.





- Glue the first cutout to a blank piece of paper. You can see how I glued the radish cutout on the left.



- Continue organizing any other of the cutouts on top of the paper. You can glue each cutout as you go or you can first organize all the cutouts you want to use, check to see how they look, and then glue them all at once.



- You can also place the cutout bunny head on top of the paper (without gluing!) just so you can see how it's going along and how it looks so far. The bunny head doesn't need to go right in the center of the paper. If you want, you can position it anywhere you want on the paper, wherever it looks good to you.



- When you've decided where you want to glue the bunny head, apply glue to the back of the head and glue the head in place on top of the collage.



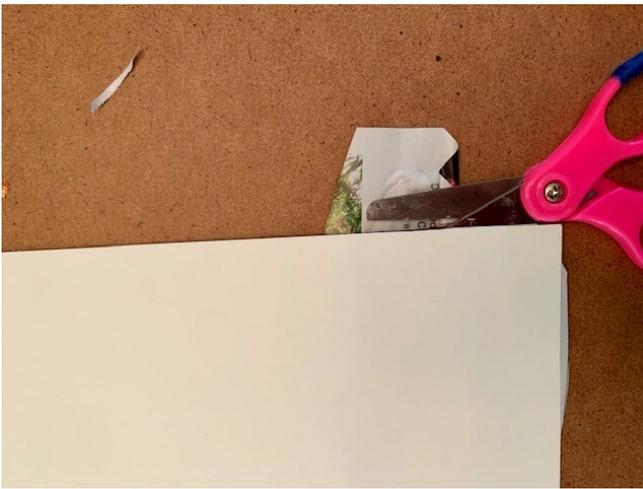
- Once the bunny head is glued on top of the collage, apply glue to the inside of one of the ears.

- Now, pick up the pink cutout paper pieces, rip off little pieces of this pink paper and apply to the inside of the ear as shown below to the left.



- Do the same to the left ear as you did to the right ear. Apply glue and then the pieces of paper.





- If any of the paper cutouts stick out from the side of the paper, simply turn over the paper and trim with the scissors as shown on the left.



Top left is the completed Bunny Collage project as per this art lesson. The completed Bunny Collage on the right is the second head (the one where the circle was drawn with the cup). I had so many paper cutouts I couldn't let them go to waste! **NOTE:** The bunny noses I made with some cutouts of small radishes.

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