

Round Robin Drawing

FAMILY ACTIVITY

As a family, each person will get to draw on a piece of paper for a certain amount of time before passing their artwork on to the next person in the family. This will continue until each family member has been able to contribute to everyone else's artwork. At the end, everyone will have a drawing that includes imagery from the entire family.

The goal is to use art-making as a fun tool to connect with family members.

Materials

- Blank sheets of paper
- Drawing materials (markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- Timer

Instructions

1. Gather materials and give each family member a piece of paper and drawing materials of their choice.
2. Ask each person to write their name on the back of the paper to keep track of who started each picture.
3. Each person will start drawing whatever they want on their own paper. Decide how long the family wants to draw (30 seconds–2 minutes). Keep it quick so it's more like a game and no one worries about making a masterpiece. It's about the process, not the product!
4. After time is up, everyone will pass their paper to the person beside them (make sure everyone passes in the same direction) and then add to the new drawing.
5. Keep passing the paper and drawing for the allotted time until the image gets back to the original artist. If you want, you can keep passing the drawings around for multiple rounds.

Helpful Tips

Go over the guidelines of the game clearly before starting. Talk about how you're going to create drawings as a family and pass the papers around so that everyone gets to draw on everyone's paper. People can feel very protective of their artwork so make sure everyone knows what to expect. Also, encourage family members to respect what has already been drawn (no scribbling over or covering up what someone else drew).

Let's Talk About It!

After the drawings are back to the original artist, discuss what the process was like. Give a title to the finished drawings or tell a story about what is happening in the picture. What was your favorite part of the process? What was it like to have other people draw on your picture? Did anything feel difficult or strange?

Know that art-making does not have to be all about the final product. The process is just as important. Use this activity as an opportunity to embrace your creativity and interact with your family members in a new and fun way.