

The Library Presents...In Your House Cambridge

The Creature that Nobody Saw

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Part 1 The Den

Here are some activities for you to enjoy after watching our film online. These activities are for carers and children and please take care when using scissors!

Observation.

After watching the film for the first time, try watching it again and talk about it together. You may want to think about the following questions and remember there are no wrong answers.

The film takes place in a den where the creature lives.

Where do you think it could have taken place in your house? Behind the cooker? or the fridge? Or in a special place that only you know!

What objects did you see in the den? A sock perhaps or a clothes peg? Did you recognise some of them and what are they used for in your house? How do you think the creature uses them?

Did you see anything else leaving the den? What do you think it was?

Where do you think the creature was going? Why was he wearing a hat?

Make your own den.

After watching the film you might want to make your own little den so that you can begin to make a theatre show of your own.

Here are some ideas of how you could make a den. Please use your imagination and the most important thing is you make your den in the way that you want! These are just our ideas and feel free to adapt them to suit you. Also enjoy the process as this is a really special part of your creative journey.

Step One

Gathering objects

First get a small box or a bag and go around your house and find lots and lots of little things that you think your creature would like and that you think are small enough for the creature to use. You may not use all of them in the end but it is important to have fun and have a nice big collection to choose from.

Think about what your creature will use for a table, a bed, a chair and so on.

Step Two

Making a den

What you will need

- A big box to make your den out of. Try and find a large one. Then you will have more room for the little objects and for your creature to live in.

- A cereal box for extra card
- Scissors
- Tape – masking tape or Sellotape
- 2 cloths pegs
- A kitchen sponge or paint brush
- Paints
- A ruler
- A pencil
- Newspaper or covering for your table.

Instructions

Making your den

1. Open the big box and tape up the flaps so they make the box taller.
2. Tape down the bottom of the box so it is sturdy
3. Choose the front of the box and cut down the 2 front corners of the box so the front panel can lay flat.
4. Take the cereal box, flatten it and cut open so you have some card. Cut 2 strips of card to make 2 tabs. Fold in half. Attach the tabs with tape to the top of the front panel on either side so the cardboard sticks out.
5. Lift the front panel up to the side of the box and secure the tabs with the clothes pegs. You can now either have the front panel flat for filming your den or you can lift up the front panel and keep everything safe inside.
6. On the back panel, think of where you would like a little window and cut 3 sides of a hole so you can open and close the window. You can peep inside too!
7. Now paint the inside of the box. You can use brushes – or I prefer to use a kitchen sponge and sponge the paint on.

Making the floor of the den

8. Put the big box on the cereal card and draw round it. Cut out the card. Trim the card so that it can lay on the bottom of the box and this is your floor of the den.
9. Take a ruler and draw lines to make floorboards with a pencil
10. Lightly paint over the lines with a sponge or paintbrush.

Now you can take the objects from your collection of things and place them carefully in your den for your creature to use. Now it has a bed to sleep in!

Some photos to help you make your den



