POLYGLOT THEATRE

Activity sheet | Ages 2 - 10 | 1+ hours

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ROBOT WORLD

Do you sometimes want to be someone else, and hide away in a strange and exciting place? We have the perfect way to do that - put a box on your head! This is not just any box, it's a super-sonic, intergalactic, planetary ROBOT HEAD!

MATERIALS HUNT

- 1. Boxes! Start with the head. Find a box that is not tight on your head. If you have other boxes we can work on some robot body parts later.
- 2. A pencil for designing.
- 3. A blade or sharp scissors to cut out eyes and mouth. Only to be used by an adult if you have not been shown how to use a blade or sharp scissors.
- 4. Things for decorating your robot head. Try straws, aluminium foil, milk bottle caps, bottle lids, yoghurt containers and lids, twist ties. Use your imagination! Please ask an adult if it is attached to something useful.
- 5. Paints, textas, pencils. Whatever you have and whatever you like to use
- 6. Glue and sticky tape are good for attaching the bits and pieces to your robot head.



STEP ONE

1. Choose the side that would best suit being the front of the head.

FITTING THE HEAD

2. Sometimes boxes have flaps on the open edge. It can be useful to chop off the flaps that sit over your shoulders and even cut a curve see the picture for an idea.

MAKING THE EYES

- 3. Once you have fitted the box, put it on your head and work out where on the box your eyes need to peer through.
- 4. Using your hand to point out the spot and then take it off your head. Mark the eye position one at a time.
- 5. With your pencil, design the shape of eye you would like, remembering to keep it robot-style!



MAKING THE MOUTH

- 6. Have a think about whether you would like to cut a mouth out or draw one on.
- 7. With your pencil, draw your robot mouth. Bzzzzt - now your robot can talk to you!

TIP: If the cardboard is really hard to cut perhaps drawing one on is



Cut out your eyes

STEP TWO

- 1. Design your box!
- 2. Using a pencil, mark out where vou would like to place all of the main features using your own original design.



- and other features out. If your older person thinks you can do it safely then give it a go.
- 2. Slow and easy! Hands out of the
- 3. Try it on to make sure it fits you well and you can see through the eyes.

TIP: You may need the help of an adult again as you create the Robot so keep them on call!











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STEP FOUR

» Decorate! Explore and discover with the materials you have!

TIP: Place your crafty materials in clever ways to define the eyes, eyebrows, ears and mouth.







STEP FIVE

WE ARE THE ROBOTS. DO, DO, DO, DO, DANCE!

- » On the Polyglot website we have given some links to some awesome robot music. Go to www.polyglot.org.au/kids
- » Listen to them, choose a track and devise a robot dance! Remember robot moves are all about isolation...one move at a time, and stillness at the end of each movement.
- » Video yourself and send us your amazing work! Post it on social media @PolyglotTheatre









1. Have a look at what boxes and materials you have and decide what to use for the body.

CAN'T GET ENOUGH? Try this...

» What kind of robot will you be?

» Use the cardboard and boxes - or anyother material - to make a robot body!

- 2. Small boxes are good for hands and feet try using tissue boxes for shoes.
- 3. Bigger boxes are great for the body and legs.
- » You could also use things like aluminium foil to wrap around yourself.

STEP TWO

- » Decorate! What kind of buttons or details does your robot body need?
- » Follow the same steps as you did with your robot head to decorate your body!









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