DESTINATION: IMAGINATION

Your imagination is all you need to travel to a destination of your creation, and the possibilities are endless! You can have the freedom to go anywhere you want and create anything you’d like. Artists, including storytellers, start with their imagination. See where your imagination will take you when you play an imaginative game by rolling dice. Have fun taking turns and creating a story with family and friends. You will need a die to roll and don’t forget to start your story with, “Once upon a time…” You can decide to roll again once you have added enough details to the story and need to move it along.

If you roll a 1: Tell an action
If you roll a 2: Introduce a character
If you roll a 3: Tell an action
If you roll a 4: Create a conflict
If you roll a 5: Describe the setting
If you roll a 6: Introduce a character

An action is anything that happens in a story—an event or something that a character does. A character is someone in your story. Be sure to include lots of details such as what the person looks like or what personality they might have. A conflict is a problem that needs to be solved. A setting is the location of the action. Be sure to describe the environment or the surroundings of the story with lots of details.

SEE!

Stuart Davis’s artwork, Bass Rocks #1 on view in the gallery at WAM and pictured here.

GUIDE TO LOOKING

What colors, shapes, and patterns do you see? What do you think is the mood or feeling of this artwork? Does this artwork remind you of anything?

Stuart Davis, Bass Rocks #1, 1939. Oil on canvas, 34 3/8 x 43 1/8 inches. Wichita Art Museum, Roland P. Murdock Collection. © 2021 Estate of Stuart Davis/Licensed by VAGA at Artist Rights Society (ARS), New York, NY
DRAWING WITH SCISSORS, CARVING WITH COLOR

Some artists, like Stuart Davis, were inspired to create art while listening to music. Put some music on and use your imagination to create art as you listen along to a song. Try to use your scissors as your pencil and cut the colored paper in a variety of ways. How do the sounds make you feel? Try the different techniques listed below or create your own. See if your artwork can match your mood and the mood of the song. Use the cut pieces to make your arrangement onto a base. Glue them down once you are satisfied with the arrangement. Be sure to snap a picture of your creation and share it on Instagram with WAM at #WAMartcation to be entered to win a special prize!

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED
- Music and playing device
- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Glue or glue stick
- Cardboard or cardstock for the base

TRY OUT ANY OR ALL OF THESE TECHNIQUES

CUT on the FOLD. Fold your paper in half and cut onto the fold (make sure you do not cut too much of the fold off!) When unfolded, your cuts will be in the middle of the paper.

SHAPES. Cut circles, triangles, or squares. Make up some shapes! Think of the ripple of water or the burst of fireworks.

FRINGE. Create fringe by cutting in a row in the same direction on a strip of paper.

TORN paper. Hold the paper between your fingers and tear it slowly so you can think creatively and allow for some control.

SPIRALS. Cut around the outline of a cut shape and continue cutting until you reach the middle of the shape.