

Art Activity

Desktop Joel Shapiro Sculpture

Starting a Homemade Art Collection



Before it's opening as the first museum of modern art in 1954 the McNay Art Museum was the home of Marion Koogler McNay. Often-times when we visit the Museum, we wonder what it would be like to live with pieces of art in our own home like Mrs. McNay did. This activity provides us with an opportunity to live with a work of art as shown in the McNay! These fun paper sculptures can be placed displayed on a desktop and be the perfect companion while working/studying from home.

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SEARCH

Search your home for the suggested materials.

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CREATE

Get creative with each step and think outside the box.

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ENJOY

Enjoy your creation and share with others.

McNay Connection:



Joel Shapiro

Untitled, 2000.

Painted aluminum.

Museum purchase with the Russell Hill Rogers Fund for the Arts.

Collection of the McNay Art Museum.

Joel Shapiro is an American minimalist sculptor who creates dynamic works in metal, wood and other materials. Shapiro's sculptures often reference the human form placing his work between minimalism and representation.

Suggested materials:

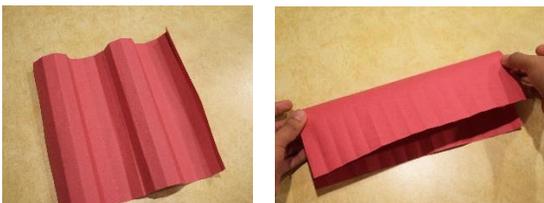
- Paper (construction works well for a pop of color but Copy paper or any kind of paper works too)
- Glue (Elmers or glue stick)
- Scissors

Instructions: Head and Limbs

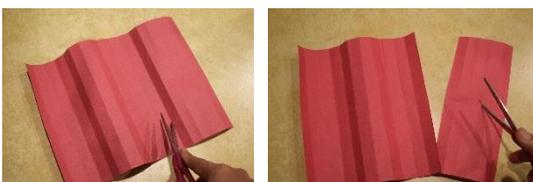
- 1.) Start out by folding the paper in half and repeat four times. For the last fold, it is easier to fold the sides in to the middle, as shown in the last picture.



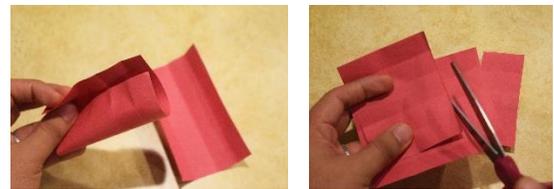
- 2.) Unfold the paper and fold in half the opposite way, as shown below



- 3.) Unfold your page and then cut five folds. Afterwards cut the paper strip in half. These pieces will become the arms



- 4.) Fold the newly cut pieces in three. These folds will be used as a guide to make a cut. line up with the other piece and cut evenly. Save the pieces you cut



- 5.) Apply glue in one side and form a square tube, the sides should overlap. do the same for one of the small strips. Save the other one for step 10.) The small tube will become the head



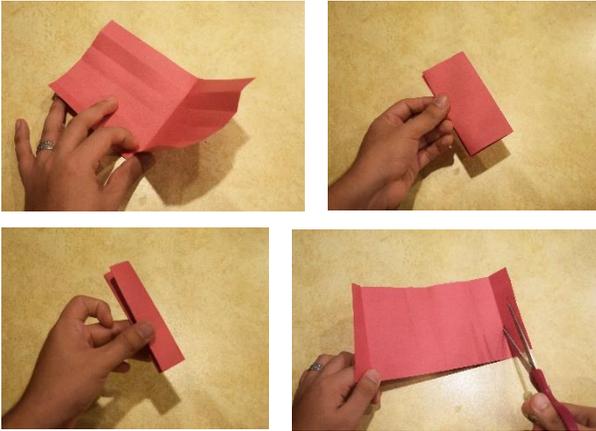
- 6.) Repeat step 3 by cutting a segment with 5 folds, then glue it to form a tube. (These two tubes will be the legs, so there is no need to cut out a third) allow them to dry for 5 minutes. Lastly glue together at a 45-degree angle.



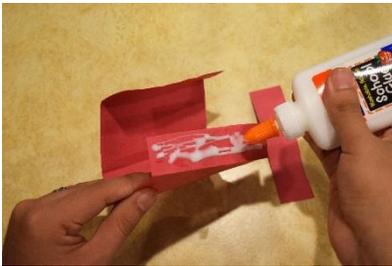
Instructions: Body

After cutting the necessary pieces for the arms and legs, you should be with a small strip of paper

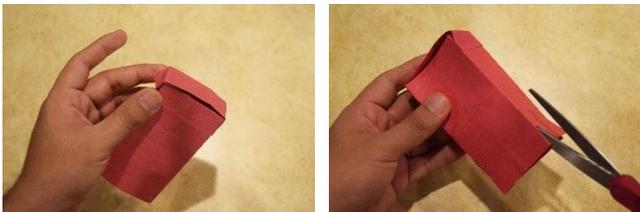
- 7.) Fold the paper in half following the fold you made previously. Then fold two more times. Afterwards, unfold and cut out the last segment. This will become the shoulders.



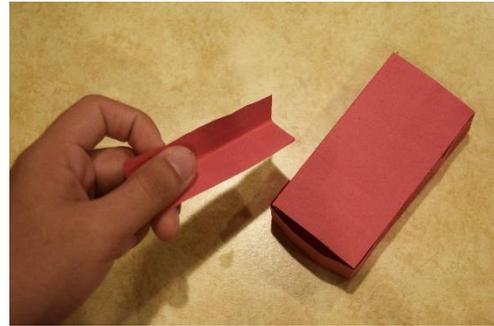
- 8.) Apply glue making a box shape like you did with the arms and legs by overlapping the edge folds. The front and back should be bigger than the sides



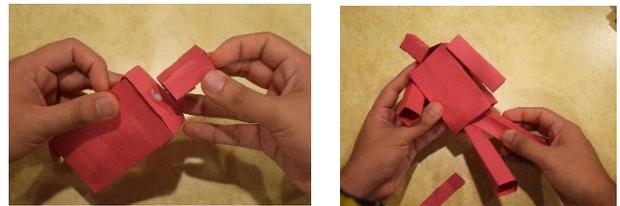
- 9.) Use the cut strip of paper to create the shoulders. Fold the edges to create a bridge. Once the body is glued, Cut the four edges at the bottom and fold in. you can use the folds as a guide to show where to cut



- 10.) Lastly in order to attach the head, repeat the same process of creating a bridge using the paper strip from step 5.) this paper should be cut in half length wise and use to close the head



- 11.) Allow some time to dry then attach the head and arms to the body. Then, slide the legs into the body.



- OPTIONAL: Using an extra strip of paper, attach it to the back foot. using a thumb tack you can create your own dynamic display!

