



The Sunny Pages

At home art activities to brighten your day

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“Costume Cups”

This activity is appropriate for ages 7 - 12

Time from start to finish = 30 minutes – 1 hour

You will need the following materials:

- Clear plastic cups with smooth sides (ridges will get in the way of the drawing)
- Sharpies or permanent markers



Brief project description:

Using only 2 materials and your imagination, create a character that can change outfits and styles with the simple twist of a cup!

Steps

- **#1:** Gather at least 3 plastic cups with smooth sides.
- **#2:** Using a permanent marker, draw the silhouette of a character on the first cup. This can be a male, female, animal, alien, or any other creature you find interesting! Keep the silhouette of the full body very simple with minimal detail.



- **#3:** Place the first cup inside of the second cup so that you can see the silhouette of the character through the plastic. Now begin drawing a hairstyle on the second cup, lining it up with the original character outline as a template. Twist the outer cup around and continue drawing more hairstyles that line up with the silhouette. Be creative and change up the hairstyles on different sections of the second cup. Try many different styles: long and short, curly and straight, bright colors, big and poofy!



- **#4:** Stack the first and second cups together inside the third cup. You should still be able to see the original silhouette on the first cup through the plastic. Using the original character outline, create a several outfits on the outer cup, twisting the cup as you go. Think of several outfits that represent different professions or occupations: a ballerina, a business suit, a clown, etc.



- **#5:** With all the cups stacked together, twist the second and third cup to create fun combinations pairing different hairstyles with different outfits! You can create as many new cups as you like, making more outfits, accessories, or backgrounds for your character. Make sure with any new cups you add, the use the original character outline as a template.

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