

Exquisite Corpse

Exquisite Corpse is a game in which each person takes turns writing or drawing on a sheet of paper, then folds it to hide their drawing, and then passes it to the next person who then does another part of the drawing. We are going to make some wacky and wonderful monsters. This method was really popular among the Surrealists – a famous group of artists from the 1920s – such as Salvador Dalí and Andre Breton who used it to collaborate with each other. For this reason, this activity requires 2 or more participants!

What you need: ruler, pen/pencil, book, paper.



1. Split the page into four sections by eye, it doesn't need to be exact. If it is hard to guess, look where the halfway point seems to appear, and then do half of that visual measurement.
2. Get to drawing! Pass the sheet to the first player who will draw the head, and don't let any other players see the sheet. When they are done, cover their section with a book but allow a tiny bit of the edge of the drawing to jut out.
3. Place the ruler another quarter way down the sheet. The next player will start drawing the chest by connecting his lines to the ones they see jutting out. Again, place the book further down to block off the second section of the drawing. You can open it to spread it wider.
4. Pass it back to the first player – OR to a third player. They will repeat the exact same process, lowering the ruler by another quarter, and drawing the hips.
5. Cover the drawing, pass it back to the second player or to the fourth player, and repeat the process for the feet and legs.
6. Vóila! There you have your fully formed Exquisite Corpse. Excellent job!