



ACTIVITY GUIDE

**Alliance
Theatre**

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THE
VERY YOUNG**



Cardboard Birthday Cake

Supplies:

Cardboard boxes
Paint - a variety of colors
Beads, confetti, or sequins
Tape (optional)
Bamboo skewers
Straws

*Tip for grown-ups:
Embrace this
messy activity, but
prepare for it too.
Set up a drop cloth
or take this activity
outside.*

Instructions

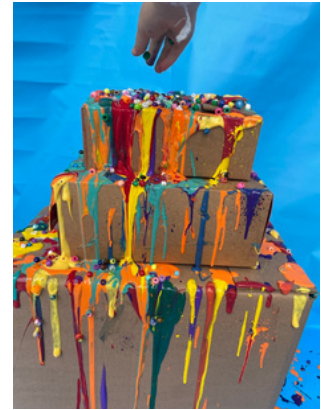
Stack a few cardboard boxes. Place the largest at the bottom and smallest at the top. Secure with tape.



Explore paint! Drip, stamp, brush, and splash away!



Add beads, confetti, sequins, or any fun "sprinkles" you can find.



GROWN UPS: Poke the bamboo skewers through the top box to brace the straws.

Slip the straws over the skewers to act as candles.

Paint yellow and orange flames on the tips of the candles, or stick small pieces of yellow tissue paper on the tops to serve as flames.



HAPPY



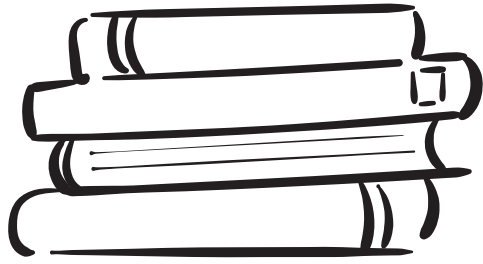
GRUMPY



ANGRY



SAD



Recommended Book List:

Looking for Smile by Ellen Tarlow
A Kids Book About Emotions by Nakita Simpson
Allie All Along by Sarah Lynne Reul
The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld
When's My Birthday? by Julie Fogliano
Click, Clack, Surprise! by Doreen Cronin

Animal Charades

Close your eyes and think of your favorite animal. One by one, each family member will take a turn showing how that animal moves. Don't make a sound or it might give it away! The rest of the family can doodle what they think the animal is. After a few moments of acting and drawing, all family members can reveal their doodles and see if they guessed right!



Contour Drawing - Silly Portraits

1. Choose an object, animal, or friend as your inspiration. This is what you will draw!
2. Imagine your hand is moving through sticky syrup: SUPER slowly. Without looking at your hand, slowly draw the outline of what you see, making the big shapes on your page. Don't lift your marker.
3. Continue drawing by adding the details and smaller shapes on your artwork without looking down at the page. Slow and steady!
4. Marvel at your brand new work of art!