



Activities to turn your world into a canvas!



What if . . . one day your pencil disappeared?

Now's your chance to show the world your true creative self! Using found objects, sculpt a self-portrait. Be inventive with the materials you use: try newspaper, paper towel rolls, yarn, buttons, scraps of fabric, empty water bottles, old shopping lists, plastic shopping bags, unused straws or chopsticks, clothespins, paper clips, dried pasta—anything you could think of. Just make sure it's clean and that you have plenty of glue or tape on hand to create your mini-me masterpiece!

What if . . . you found yourself in a pile of leaves?

Collect a bunch of fallen leaves from different trees. Can you make a cat? The sun? A fish? How many different things can you create?

What if . . . you could create art with just about anything?

Choose a safe, clean object in the house, such as a crayon, a rock, a button, a straw, or chopsticks. Place it on a sheet of paper and imagine it as something else. What else does it look like? Could two pieces of dry spaghetti become stilts? Could two bottle caps become the wheels of a car? Could a spoon become a hammock for a cat? Take a look at your item in a new way, and try drawing a story around your object.

What if . . . you only had the land and your hands to create?

On a cookie sheet or in a shallow pan, pour a little baking flour and spread it so that it covers the bottom. Use your fingers to draw in the flour and see what you discover. You can keep redrawing in it, like an Etch A Sketch!

What if . . . you made a story with a good friend, just like the author and artist of this book?

Choose a story buddy. Fold a sheet of paper into four parts. Take turns drawing something, and folding the sheet of paper so your buddy can't see what was drawn. Pass it back and forth. Then open it up to see what you made!





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What if . . . ALL of your art supplies disappeared?

Get inspired! Use the prompts below to imagine how you would express yourself using unexpected materials!
Get creative. Think of items from your kitchen. Or garage. Or even your bathroom!

If my pencil disappeared I would use _____.

If my markers disappeared I would use _____.

If my paint disappeared I would use _____.

If my modeling clay disappeared I would use _____.

If my bottle of glue disappeared I would use _____.





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What if . . . you could use the light to invent shadow stories?

In a dark room, shine a flashlight on a blank wall. Cut out the items below and hold them in front of the light to use as shadow puppets. Cut out your own puppets or even just use your own hands to add to the stories you create!



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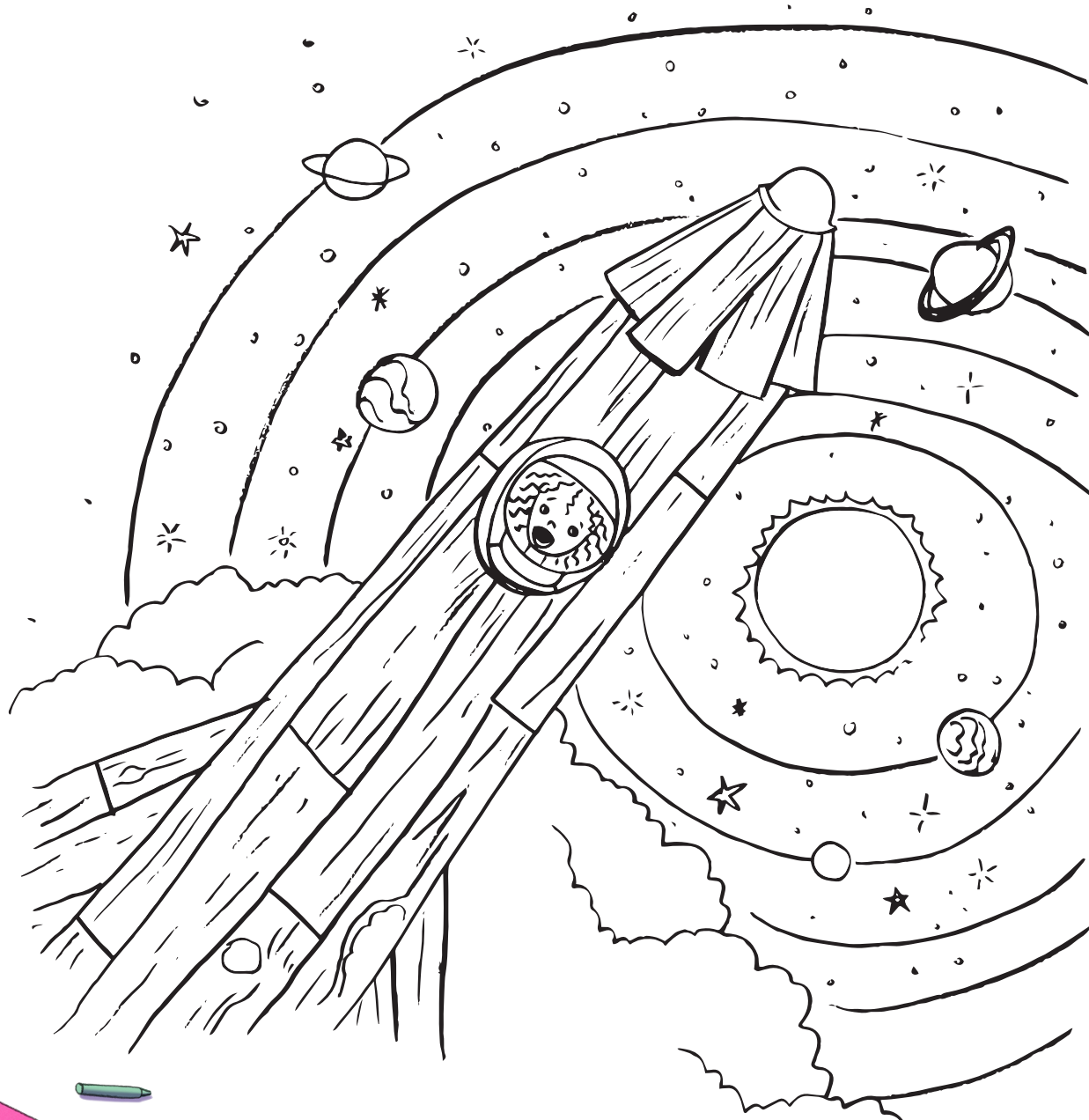
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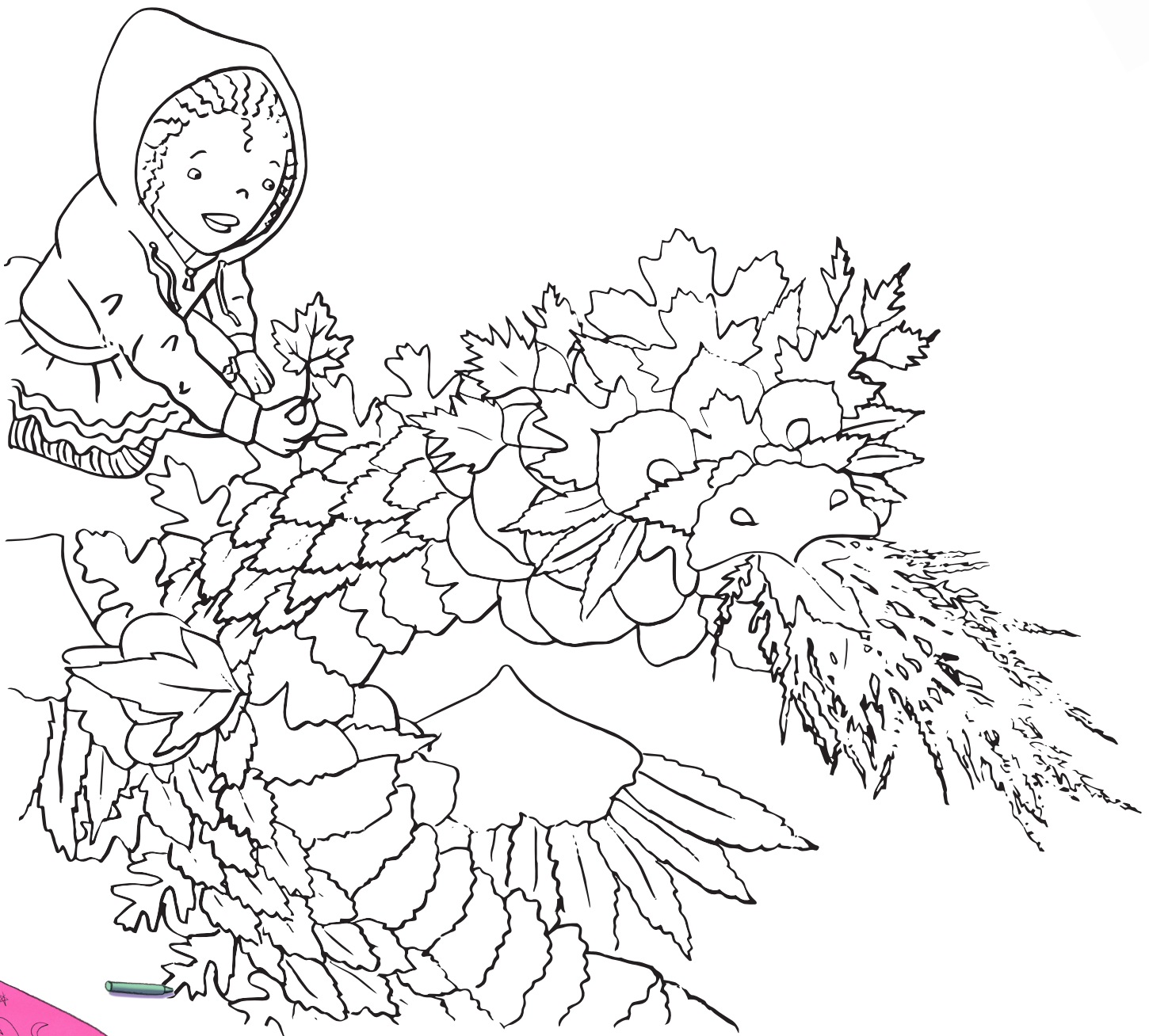
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