

# Home Makes: Nonsense Objects

This activity is perfect for children in Key Stage 1 (aged 5-7) and an adult.

Your challenge is to make an amazing nonsense object from recycled materials.

[Richard Slee](#) makes things out of clay. He creates strange objects that are sometimes funny—like an umbrella that looks like a carrot!

Take inspiration from Richard Slee and choose one object found in nature (e.g. a carrot) and one manmade object (e.g. an umbrella) to combine into something really silly.



### Materials:

You can use any recycled household items for your model. This could include:

- Cardboard
- Cereal packs
- Scrap paper, tissue paper, news paper or kitchen roll
- Toilet roll tubes
- Plastic milk bottles or other packaging
- Straws
- Wooden sticks
- Scrap fabrics (old t-shirts/towels / clothes)

### Equipment:

- Pencil and paper for drawing
- Scissors (optional)
- Glue or sticky tape
- Colour pens, pencils or crayons (optional)

### You'll learn about:

Choosing materials and joining them together; making 3D shapes

### Time:

This activity can take from 1 to 2 hours.

It has been broken down into two halves - you can split it over two days or do it all in one go if you're really having fun!

## Part One: draw your nonsense object

Choose one thing from column one and another from column two, and then combine them in a drawing to create your own nonsense object, e.g. a car that looks like a carrot!

House	Moon
Car	Flower
Aeroplane	Chicken
Toilet	Cloud
Your Favourite Biscuit	Carrot

### Talk and Make

- How many ideas can you come up with?
- What other objects can you combine?

## Part Two: make your nonsense object

Use the recycled materials you've collected to make a 3D nonsense object. You might want to recreate what you've drawn, or you might be inspired by the materials you have and come up with something completely new!

### Talk and Make

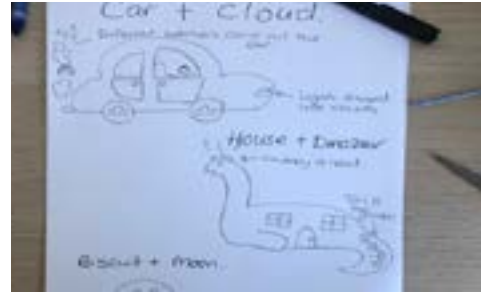
- Can you make your idea using the materials you've found? If not, how can you adapt it?
- What other materials could you use?
- How are you going to join everything together?
- How could you add colour?

### Tips for adults:

- Take a look at the Richard Slee moodboard for ideas
- Encourage children to come up with combinations of objects that reflect their own interests. Talk about what the different nonsense objects would be like—would it be comfy to sit on a chicken sofa?
- Cover the area where you're working with newspaper or a bin bag to stop things getting gluey!
- Try and collect materials that are different 3D shapes—toilet roll tubes, egg boxes or drinks cartons are great building blocks
- Use tape to join pieces together
- Encourage children to cut and deconstruct materials
- Use different materials (such as fabrics) to add texture and colour



Gather all of your materials and equipment together.



Start by choosing two objects and imagining what they would look like if combined. Draw those ideas!



Once you have a favourite design, you can start making. Start with a piece of card you can make on.



On smaller pieces of card you can start adding your design and colours. Don't forget you can cut and shape the card too.



Using tape or glue you can stick your shape down to the big piece of card.



You can also cover card tubes in colourful card or pages from magazines. Cut tabs so you can stick them down.



Scrunch up paper to add different shapes or cut card for zigzags!



Try adding other materials like plastic or cutting small pieces of card to add details

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