

Art
week 14

Objects in use

Finnish children's rhyme:

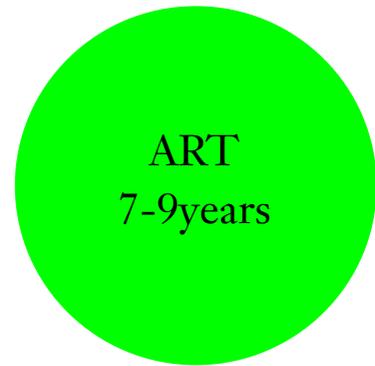
There was a cricket lying sideways on the road, jalajalla jalajala vei!
And it was picking it's teeth with a rake, jalajalla jalajalla vei!

“Oli hepokatti maantiellä poikittain, jalajalla jalajala vei!
ja se haravalla kaiveli hampaitaan, jalajalla jalajala vei!”

Objects always have a purpose. One digs a hole with a shovel and uses a flashlight to light up the dark. They are tools. One plays with toys and playing cards. Decorative objects also have a purpose. One looks at and admires it, if it is beautiful and set in the right place. The designer of the object has a purpose in mind, but sometimes the object is used differently to the way the designer had intended. This is what the cricket, who was picking his teeth with a rake, was doing.

Look at the attached pictures. Choose one of the depicted objects, and draw a picture, where a person or creature is doing something surprising with the object you chose. Draw the object fairly large, so that whoever looks at the picture understands what it is. Is the person in the picture fully or partially visible? Is the person you made up laughing or serious? Does s/he have short or long hair? Does s/he wear eyeglasses? Is s/he a child, adult, animal or fantastical creature? What kind of clothes is s/he wearing? Where is s/he?

First, draw the person and the object with a pencil. Then, trace over the lines with a felt pen and then colour the rest with coloured pencils or with crayons.



Pictures for inspiration



Pictures: Elisse Heinimaa

What you need

Pencil, felt tip pen (marker), paper (preferably A3), coloured pencils or crayons.

Goal

In this activity, you practice illustrating concepts with the aid of a picture, and the depiction of a real life object. You practice your skills drawing a person with an object and learn what size objects are compared to a person. If the user of the object is an animal or a fantastical creature, then the object is compared to their size. In this activity, we also learn about layouts, i.e., how things appear on a page.

Background information

Objects can be used in very strange ways! Watch the links below and be amazed!

- Pippi Longstocking makes pancake batter:

[LINK](#)

- You can play the Dance of the Sugarplum Fairies from the Nutcracker ballet using glasses:

[LINK](#)

- Even a saw can be used as an instrument:

[LINK](#)

On the 'Leikkipankki' -pages there is an activity that you can adapt and play with a family member. You can adapt it so that you first put an object in a bucket or a bag, and then each person in turn takes an object and gives it to someone else. The person who received the object pantomimes a way to use the object, so long as s/he comes up with a use that is not the originally intended use!

[LINK](#)

