

Art week 14

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This is exactly what I needed!

Think of a completely new use for a familiar object! What kind of new purpose will an object find, if it is discovered by a creature of a completely different size? Draw a 3-panel comic, a bit like the ones in newspapers.

The purpose of the object can, in creative hands, be completely reappropriated and it can even lead to confusion. A new purpose brings with it surprises, such as in this video: [LINK](#)

Begin by drawing, on a piece of paper, three rectangles – you can tell your story in only that amount of pictures. The plot can be the following: In the first rectangle, the object is depicted in proper use, for example, someone is sawing a board, someone is putting on a hat, or someone is drinking water from a glass. You can choose your object yourself! The next rectangle shows the object being found by another creature or person, who thinks, “this is just what I need!” In the last column, the creature or person is shown using the object. How did he use the saw, hat or glass?

As you draw, pay attention to proportions, so that the viewer of your comic recognizes the object. Draw it large enough, so that you can include the details.

By changing the size of the picture, you can decide what is visible in the picture. By selecting the right size, you can draw attention to important details. At the same time, you add rhythm and variation to your graphic story. In a depiction of the scenario, you see what kind of place we are in. In a full-body picture of the main characters, you see the characters as well as references to the surroundings. In a close-up, you can zoom in on important details, such as an object or a facial expression.

You can draw the comic with a pencil, and trace the lines with a marker if you like. You can make a black and white comic, or use coloured pencils to colour it in.

Often, pictures already tell you all that is necessary, but you can also add a speech or thought bubble. However, you should first see how your comic works without these.

In the ‘Interesting facts – Background information’ section you will find links about making a comic. Read up on them first. They will be helpful in helping you come up with ideas and drawing pictures, too.



What you need

Paper, different kinds of pens and pencils.

Goal

Telling a story with pictures, picture size, proportions in relation to each other.

Background information

Familiarize yourself with comics through the following links:

- The making of comics in general: [LINK](#)
- More on image proportions: [LINK](#)

Familiar objects can also be used play instruments: watch and be amazed!

- Glasses can be used to play the Dance of the Sugarplum Fairies from the Nutcracker ballet: [LINK](#)
- A saw can be used as a musical instrument: [LINK](#)