



Make a Mirka Mora Doll House Learning Extension Activities

Many of Mirka Mora's artworks feature HYBRID creatures. A HYBRID is something that is made by combining two or more different elements or components. Mirka's creatures combine parts of different animals and people together to make something new.

What will you create?

Working with Art Elements

How can you use COLOUR?

- Create a doll using only primary colours or secondary COLOURS.
- Create a doll using only warm or cool COLOURS.
- How does your use of COLOUR change the mood of the doll?

How can you use TONE?

- Create a doll or a piece of furniture using TONES of the same COLOUR e.g. light green through to dark green.

How can you use SHAPE?

- Create objects for your house using a combination of ORGANIC and GEOMETRIC SHAPES.
- Is your dolls' house (the sticky tape outline) made up of GEOMETRIC or ORGANIC shapes?

How can you use LINE?

- Give your doll's clothing that is patterned with different kinds of LINES – e.g. wiggly, straight, thick, narrow.

Working with Art Principles

How can you use SCALE?

- Consider the objects you are making for your dolls – are they to SCALE, or are your dolls much larger or smaller than the furniture, like *Alice in Wonderland* when she grows and shrinks? Play around with SCALE.

How can you use SPACE?

- Your dolls and objects are two-dimensional, but how can you create the illusion of 3D SPACE in your dolls' house? Consider using 2 or 3 point perspective to create the illusion of 3D objects and SPACE in your dolls house.

Literacy Extension – Writing imaginative texts

Give your creatures interesting names. Consider what elements you have used to create them and how they appear once you have used COLOUR, SHAPE and LINE.

Write a story about how they all came to live together in this house.

Further research:

Check out these Learning Resources from Heide's past Mirka Mora exhibitions:

Mirka Mora: Pas de Deux—Drawings and Dolls (2018-19)

Written resource

Mirka for Melbourne (2019) Video resource

Investigate other artists who also create HYBRID creatures:

Patricia Piccinini patriciapiccinini.net

Arne Olav Gurvin Fredriksen gypporama.com

Kate Clark kateclark.com

Nicholas di Genova nicholasdigenova.com