



PRINT ME, COLOUR ME AND SHARE ME!

# WELCOME TO COMPOST KIDS ART PLANS!

**A BIT OF HISTORY:** COMPOST KIDS WAS LAUNCHED IN 2010 AT THE MARKET HALL IN SHREWSBURY BY SAM POOLEY-STRIDE. FUN CLASSES WITH A BASIS IN HISTORY OF ART FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES, THE IDEAS WAS THAT ART CONCEPTS, HOWEVER COMPLICATED COULD BE INTERPRETED BY KIDS AND THAT THEY COULD LEARN TO CREATE WITHOUT PATRONISING THEM. COMPOST KIDS RAN FOR AN AMAZING SIX YEARS SAM AND DAISY, HER DAUGHTER TOOK ART TO BIRTHDAY PARTIES, EVENTS AND FESTIVALS AROUND SHROPSHIRE. DAISY WENT ON TO DO HER DEGREE IN FINE ART AT FALMOUTH SCHOOL OF ART AND IS CURRENTLY STUDYING HER MASTERS AND SAM HAS CONTINUED WITH HER OWN PRACTICE AS A PAINTER.

**ABOUT NOW:** WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO COMPOST KIDS RESURRECTED A SERIES OF ART PLANS FOR YOU TO FOLLOW AT HOME.

**A LITTLE NOTE:** DURING THESE STRANGE TIMES BEING CREATIVE IS A REALLY HELPFUL WAY OF EXPRESSING OURSELVES. FOR CREATIVE PEOPLE AND KIDS, THIS IS A GIVEN, HOWEVER IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO US THAT MANY PARENTS FIND ARTS AND CRAFTS VERY HARD WORK AND NOT ENJOYABLE!! I REALLY HOPE OUR IDEAS WILL HELP MAKE THINGS A LITTLE EASIER!

**HOW IT WORKS:** WE HAVE CREATED A SET OF FIVE PLANS FOR EACH SUBJECT. ALL CAN BE DONE IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BY PEOPLE AGED 3 – 100. PLEASE NOTE: ART IS ALL ABOUT INTERPRETATION, IT IS THE PROCESS THAT IS IMPORTANT AND NOT THE PRODUCT, WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR PERFECT BUT ENJOYING THE EXPERIENCE OF CREATION. BASICALLY, SOME PEOPLE LIKE COLOURING IN THE LINES, OTHERS DON'T – NEITHER ARE WRONG AND EVERYONE IS RIGHT AT COMPOST KIDS.

**A NOTE FOR LITTLE PEOPLE:** IF YOU ARE WORKING WITH LITTLE ONES THEY CAN NEED MORE HELP, SO WE HAVE GIVEN YOU HINTS AT THINGS THEY CAN DO ON THEIR OWN AND THINGS THAT MIGHT NEED YOU. LOOK OUT FOR THE RAINBOW SPLODGE – THESE ARE THE BITS YOU CAN SET YOUR KIDS UP TO DO AND GIVES YOU A LITTLE PEACE, FOR YOU TO AT LEAST GET A CUPPA AND OR A GLASS OF WINE!

**A NOTE ABOUT MATERIALS:** COMPOST KIDS WAS ALWAYS ABOUT MAKING SHIT OUT OF SHIT! SO KEEP THOSE LOO ROLLS, A COUPLE OF AMAZON BOXES, AN EGG BOX AND ANY PLASTIC TUBS – NOT SO YOUR HOUSE LOOKS LIKE A RECYCLING DEPOT JUST SO YOU HAVE A FEW THINGS TO PLAY WITH. SOME BASICS, SELLOTAPE, GLUE STICK, PVA GLUE, SOME PAINTS, PENCILS, FELT TIP PENS, WHITE PAPER, WHITE CARD ARE GREAT. OUR PLANS ARE JUST GUIDES AND IDEAS THOUGH SO IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PARTICULAR MATERIAL THERE IS SOMETHING VERY ENJOYABLE ABOUT PROBLEM SOLVING AND COMING UP WITH YOUR OWN VERSION.

**PLEASE SHARE YOUR MAKES WITH US, THE BEST BIT ABOUT THIS JOURNEY IS GOING TO BE SEEING HOW YOU ALL GET ON. YOU CAN EMAIL ANYTHING TO SAM@PSWECREATE.CO.UK OR SEND IT TO OUR FACE BOOK PAGE @COMPOSTKIDSART**

**NOW LETS GET THIS PARTY STARTED!**



# YAYOI KUSAMA.



## ABOUT KUSAMA

**YAYOI KUSUMA IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS LIVING ARTIST IN JAPAN. HER EARLY CAREER WAS SPENT IN NEW YORK WHERE SHE HUNG OUT WITH ARTISTS LIKE ANDY WARHOL AND JOSEPH CORNELL. THIS WAS A VERY MALE DOMINATED ART WORLD AND SHE CARVED A NAME FOR HERSELF AS A FEMALE ARTIST.**

**DURING THIS PERIOD SHE CREATED HER FIRST INFINITY MIRROR EXHIBITION, A SPACE WITH MIRRORED WALLS AND HUNDREDS OF SPECKS OF LIGHT, SHE WOULD IMMERSE THE AUDIENCE IN THIS ROOM WITH NO END. OVER HER ARTISTIC CAREER SHE HAS PRODUCED MORE THAN TWENTY INFINITY MIRROR EXPERIENCES, THIS MAY THE TATE MODERN HAS BEEN GEARING UP FOR THEIR YEAR LONG EXHIBITION THE INFINITY ROOMS.**

**SHE IS A MULTI-MEDIA ARTIST NOW LIVING IN JAPAN SHE WORKS IN PAINTING, SCULPTURE, INSTALLATION AND PERFORMANCE. ALL OF HER ART HAS ONE THING IN COMMON DOTS. SHE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO BE CALLED THE PRINCESS OF DOTS.**

**DOTS HAVE PLAYED A PART IN ALL OF HER LIFE, IT STARTED WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE A LITTLE GIRL SHE HALLUCINATED THAT SHE WAS IN A FIELD OF FLOWERS, THE DOTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOWERS WERE TALKING TO HER. SHE IMAGINED SHE BECAME ONE OF THESE DOTS AND IT MADE HER FEEL SAFE. THE DOTS ARE IN EVERYTHING SHE CREATES, IN THE CLOTHES SHE WEARS AND THE SPACES SHE LIVES IN.**

**IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YAYOI KUSAMA, FOLLOW THIS LINK:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/  
WATCH?V=RRZR3NSIIEA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRZR3NSIIEA)**

**BE YOUR OWN ARTIST!**

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## WHAT YOU NEED

-  **CHOPPED CARROT ENDS OR POTATOES OR CAKES**
-  **SCISSORS**
-  **A GLUE STICK OR PVA GLUE**
-  **A BOX**
-  **ACRYLIC PAINTS**
-  **CRAYONS OR FELT TIP PENS**
-  **WHITE PAPER OR EVEN BETTER SOME CARD**
-  **2 LOO ROLLS**
-  **DOTTY STICKERS**
-  **AN EGG BOX**
-  **HOLE PUNCH**
-  **STRING**
-  **SELLOTAPE**

"MY LIFE IS A  
DOT LOST  
AMONG  
THOUSANDS  
OF  
OTHER DOTS"

# MAKE 1

## LOO ROLL PORTRAIT



**FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE: ON THE BACK OF MAKE 2 YOU'LL FIND AN ILLUSTRATION TO COLOUR, CUT AND STICK ON THEIR LOO ROLL... SOMETHING UNSUPERVISED SO YOU CAN GO AND ENJOY THAT GLASS OF WINE...**

**5 LEAVE TO DRY, AND WHEN YOU COME BACK YOU'LL HAVE YOUR VERY OWN PORTRAIT OF YAYOI KUSAMA!**

**4 NOW FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT BIT! ADD THOSE POLKA DOTS!**



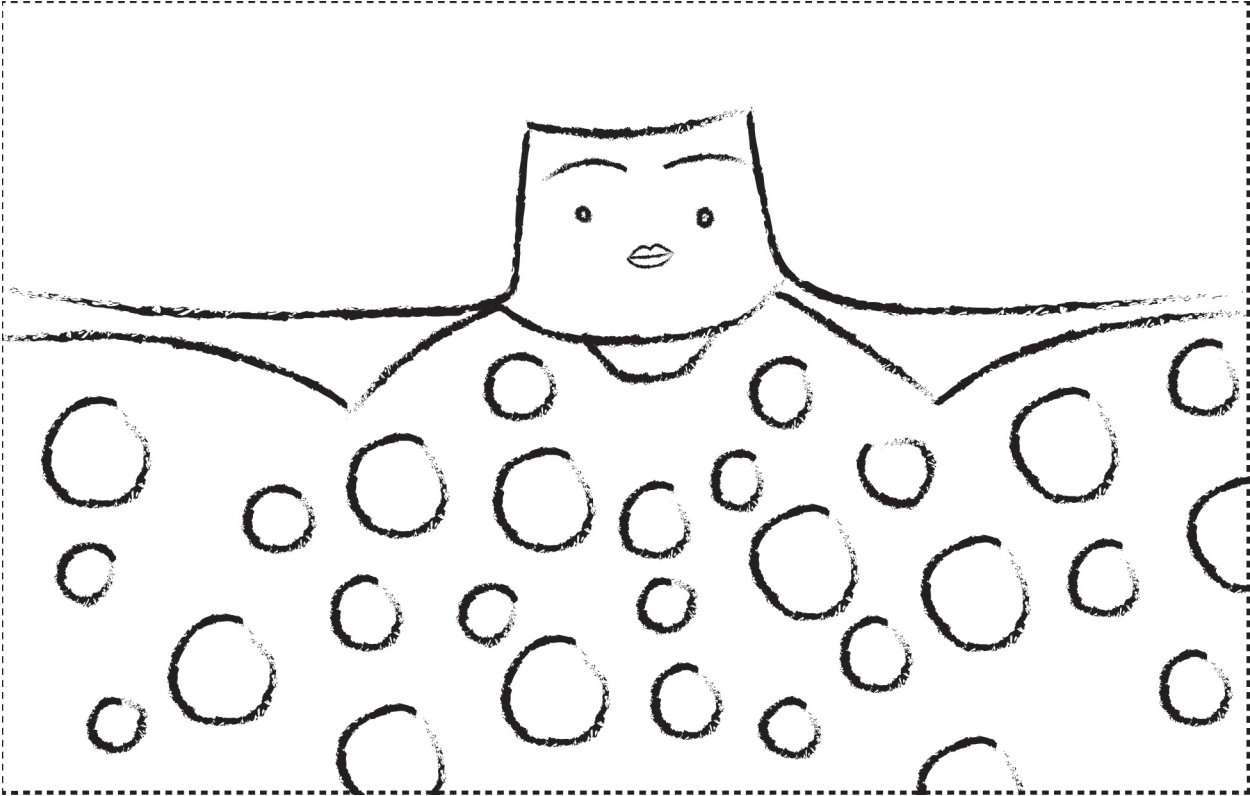
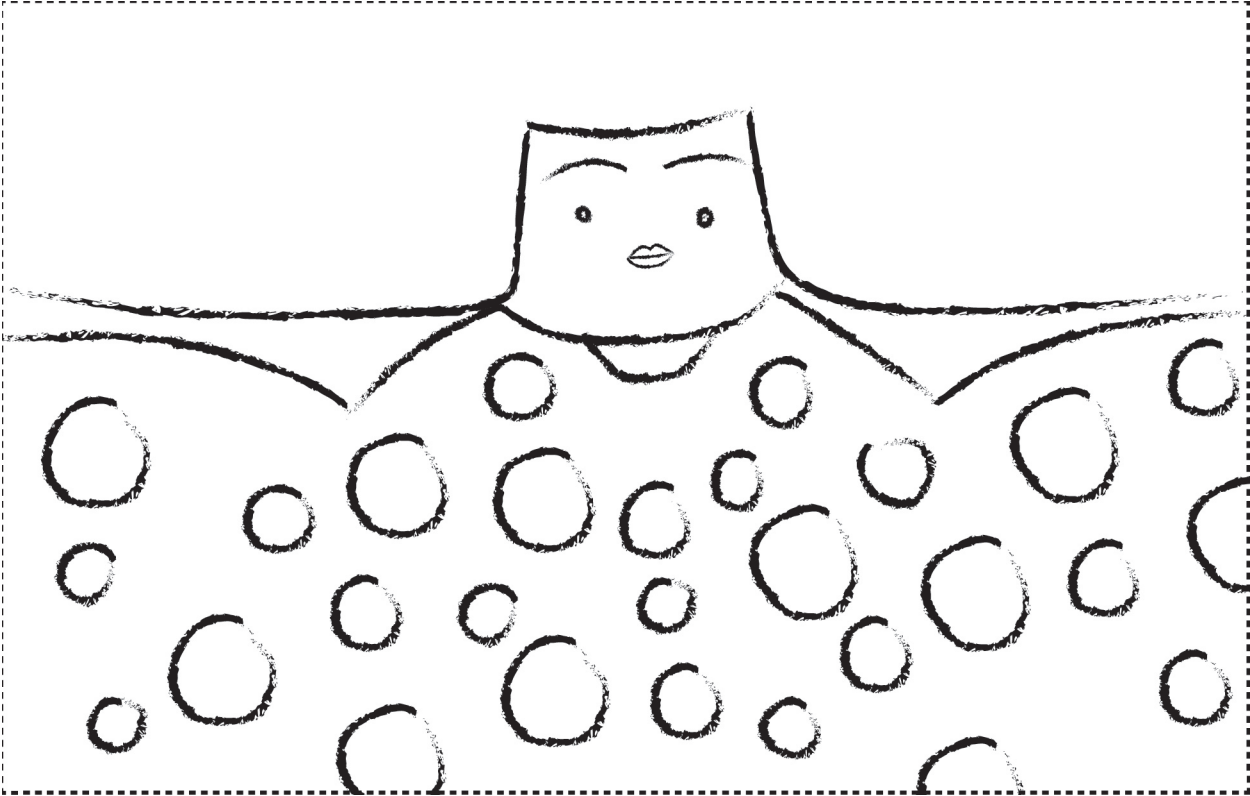
**1 PAINT YOUR LOO ROLL WHITE. THIS WILL BE YOUR BASE AND MAKE SURE YOUR COLOURS ARE SUPER BRIGHT, JUST LIKE KUSAMA!**

**2 OUTLINE HER HAIR, DRESS AND FACE.**

**3 FIND YOUR BRIGHTEST COLOURS AND FILL IN HER HAIR, LIPS AND HER BLACK DRESS.**

**ALTHOUGH WE ALWAYS GO FOR PAINTS, DON'T WORRY IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY! USE WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO GET COLOURING! WHETHER FELT TIPS, PENCILS OR CRAYONS: ANYTHING GOES! JUST AIM TO MAKE HER AS BRIGHT AS POSSIBLE! YOU CAN EVEN USE PAPER TO COVER THE LOO ROLL SO YOU STILL HAVE A WHITE BASE.**

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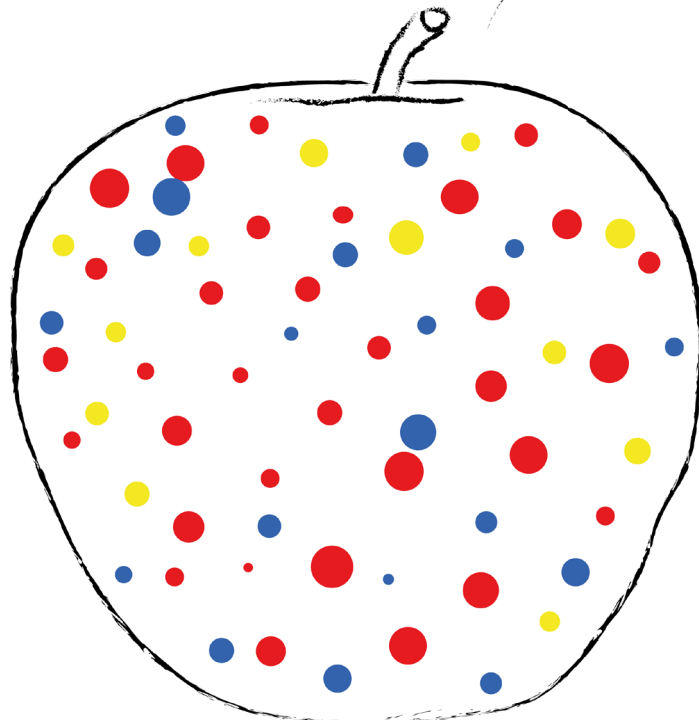
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## PAINTED SPOTTY FRUIT AND VEG



**FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE: ITS NOT EASY PAINTING A 3D OBJECT SO THIS IS ONE YOU CAN PREP FOR THEM OF AN EVENING - THE APPLYING OF STICKERS OR DRAWING ON THE SPOTS CAN STILL BE A RATHER CAPTIVATING ACTIVITY - THE THREE YEAR OLD WE DID IT WITH TOOK A GOOD 30 MINUTES OF GOLDEN CONCENTRATION!**

**CHOOSE A PIECE OF FRUIT OR VEGETABLE - OBVS A BUTTERNUT SQUASH WOULD BE AMAZING BUT WE DIDNT HAVE ONE OF THOSE SO WE RAIDED THE FRUIT BOWL AND FOUND AN OLD APPLE AND BANANA. IF YOU DONT WANT TO USE AN EDIBLE PRODUCT, WITH FOOD AT A PREMIUM THIS WONT SIT WELL WITH EVERYONE, FIND SOME ROCKS OR A PIECE OF WOOD IN THE GARDEN.**



**4 WITH SPOTTY STICKERS OR SOME DECENT FELT TIPS (SHARPIE OR CHALK PENS WORK A TREAT) MAKE THOSE FRUIT LOOK DOTTY!**

**PAINT IT WHITE - WE FOUND SOME OLD EMULSION HOUSE PAINT WHICH DRIED LOVELY AND FLAT BUT YOU CAN USE ACRYLIC TOO.**

**LET IT DRY**

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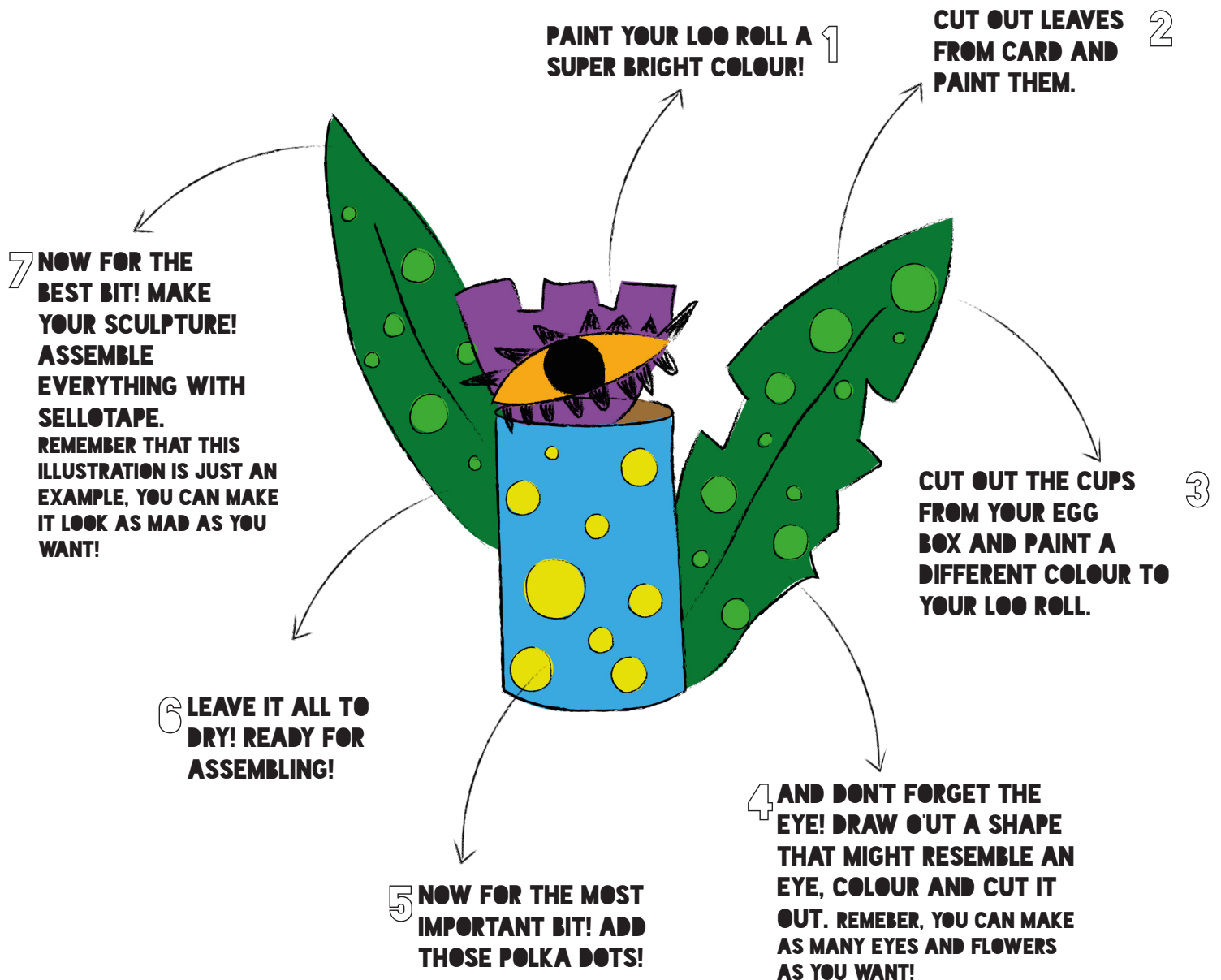


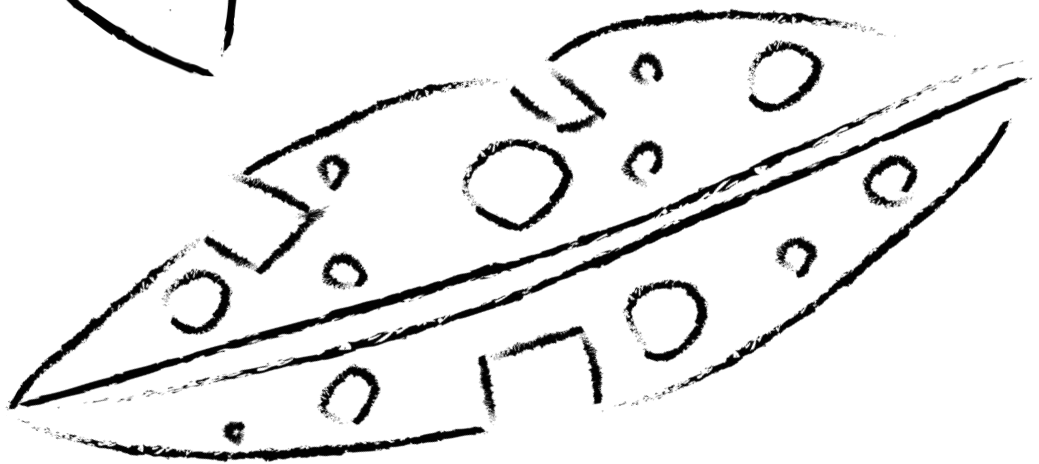
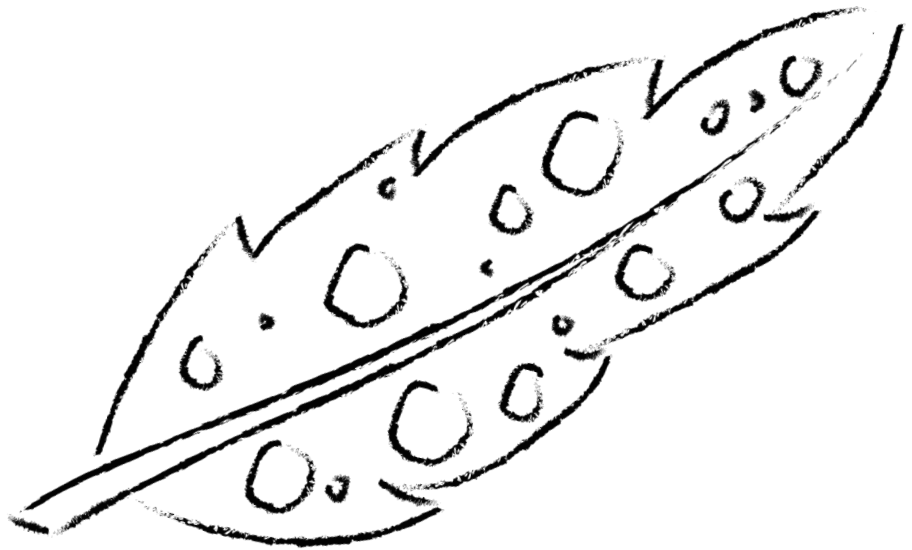
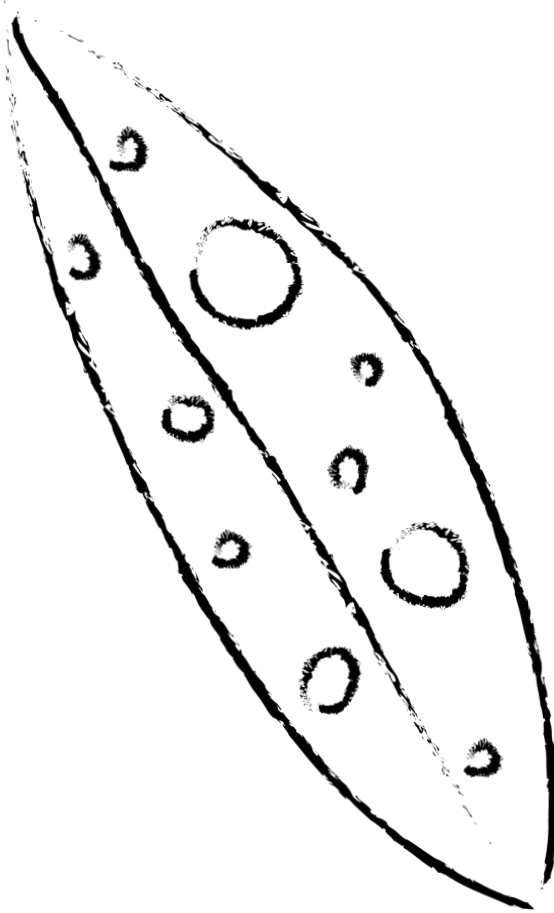
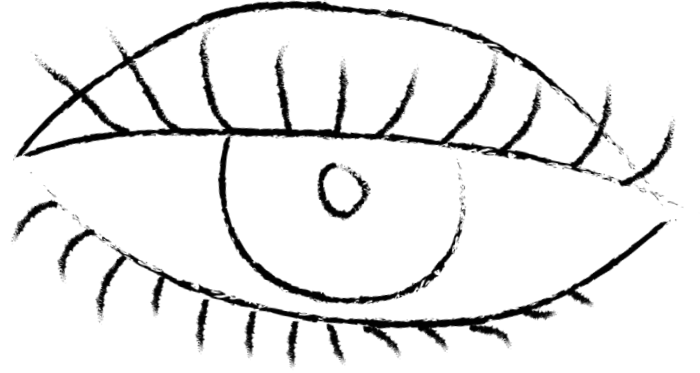
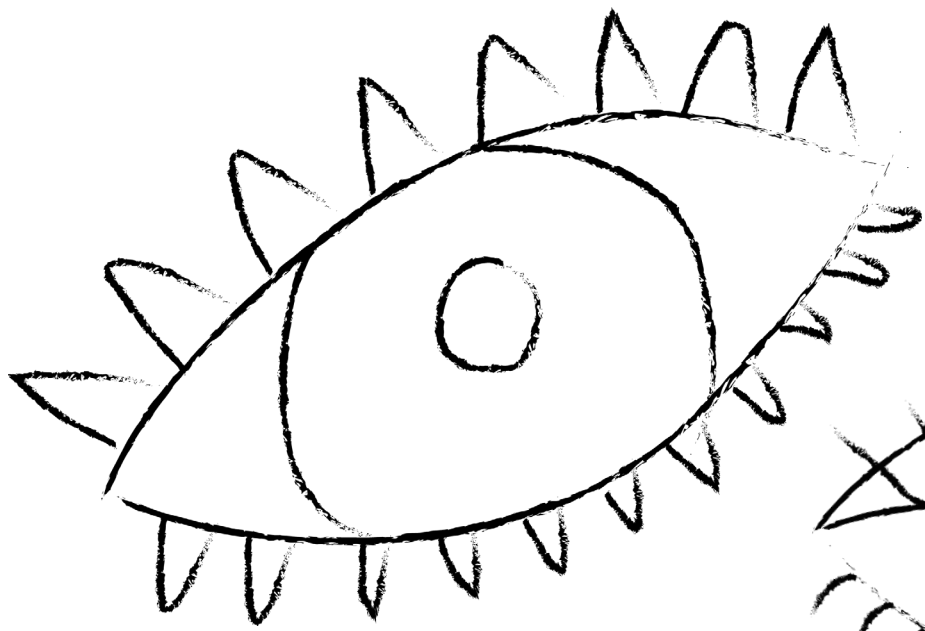
# MAKE 3

## FLOWERS THAT BLOOM AT MIDNIGHT



**FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE: FLIP OVER THE PAGE AND YOU CAN FIND EYE AND LEAF SHAPES, PERFECT FOR COLOURING IN... AND ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A THAT MOMENT OF QUIET.**





# MAKE 4

## HANGING SPOTTY SQUASH



**FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE: IF YOU DON'T MIND MESS THIS IS A GREAT ONE TO LET THEM GET ON WITH ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE AN OUTSIDE SPACE. IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY PIECES OF PAPER THEY PAINT AND THE INEVITABLE MIXING OF COLOURS CAN BE REALLY FUN. JUST DON'T GIVE THEM TOO MUCH PAINT AND INTERVENE BEFORE IT GOES ON ANY WALLS!!! LIMIT THE COLOURS TO TWO AND CHOOSE COMPLIMENTARY ONES TO AVOID IT LOOKING LIKE A DIRTY PROTEST!! PINK AND RED OR YELLOW AND ORANGE OR YELLOW AND GREEN.**

**6 HOLE PUNCH THE PUMPKIN SHAPE AND HANG THEM FOR YOUR VERY OWN SPOTTY INSTALLATION.**

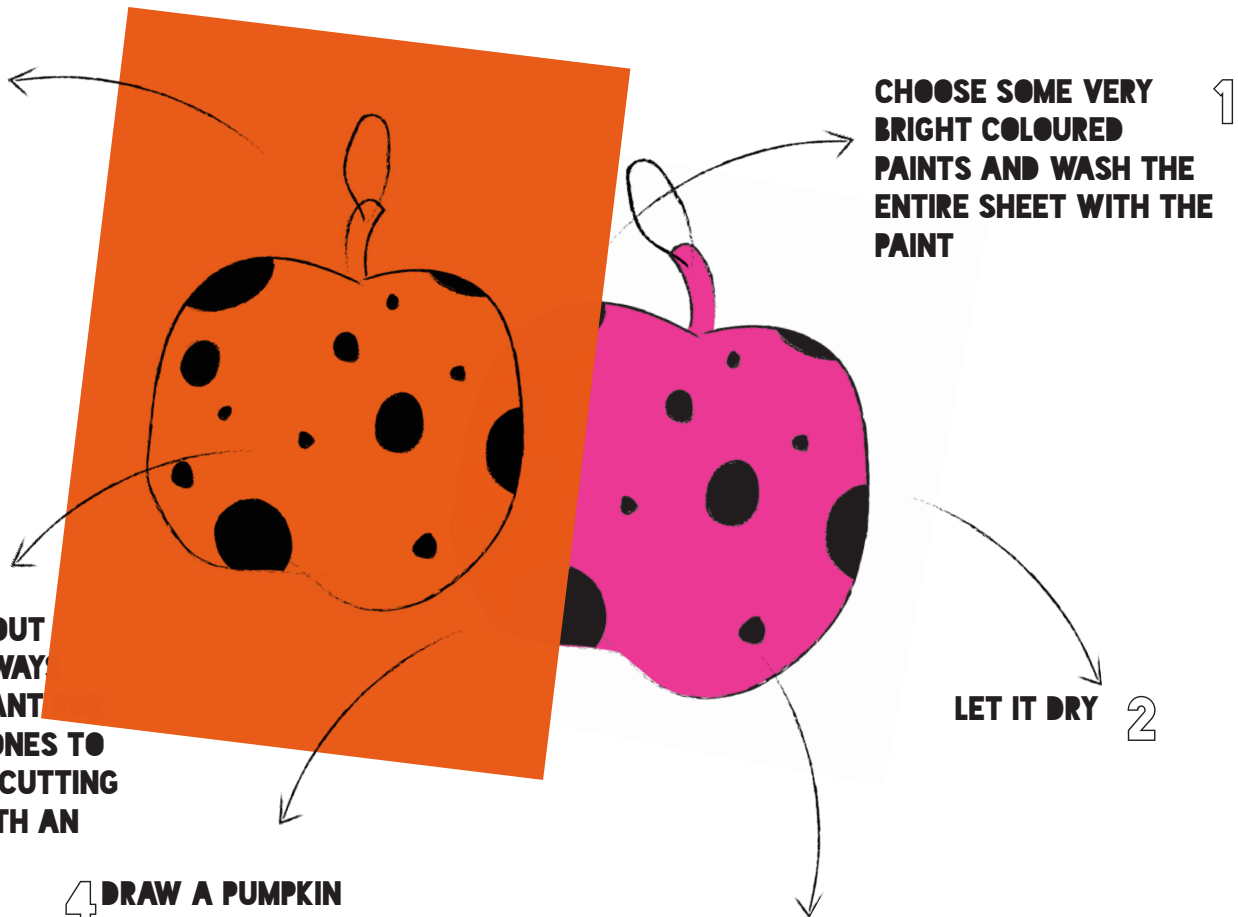
**5 CUT IT OUT \*ITS ALWAYS IMPORTANT LITTLE ONES TO DO THE CUTTING OUT WITH AN ADULT**

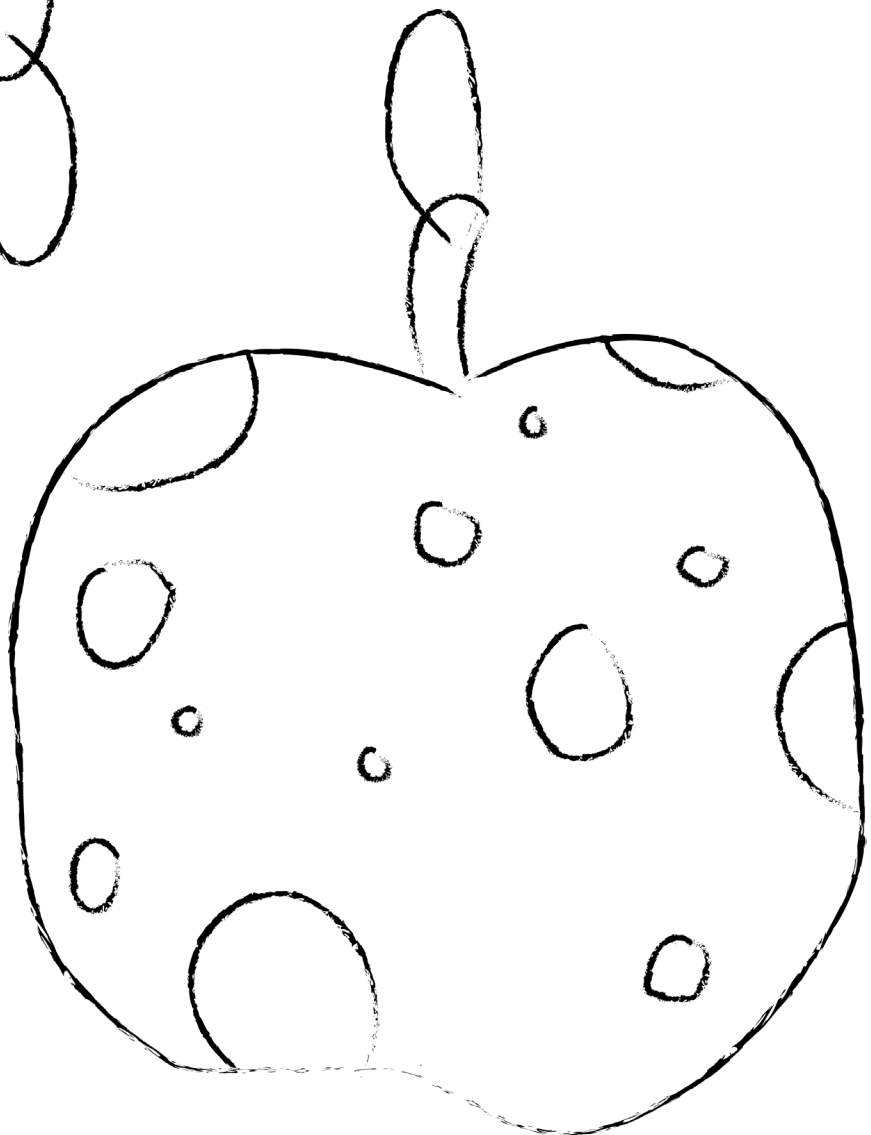
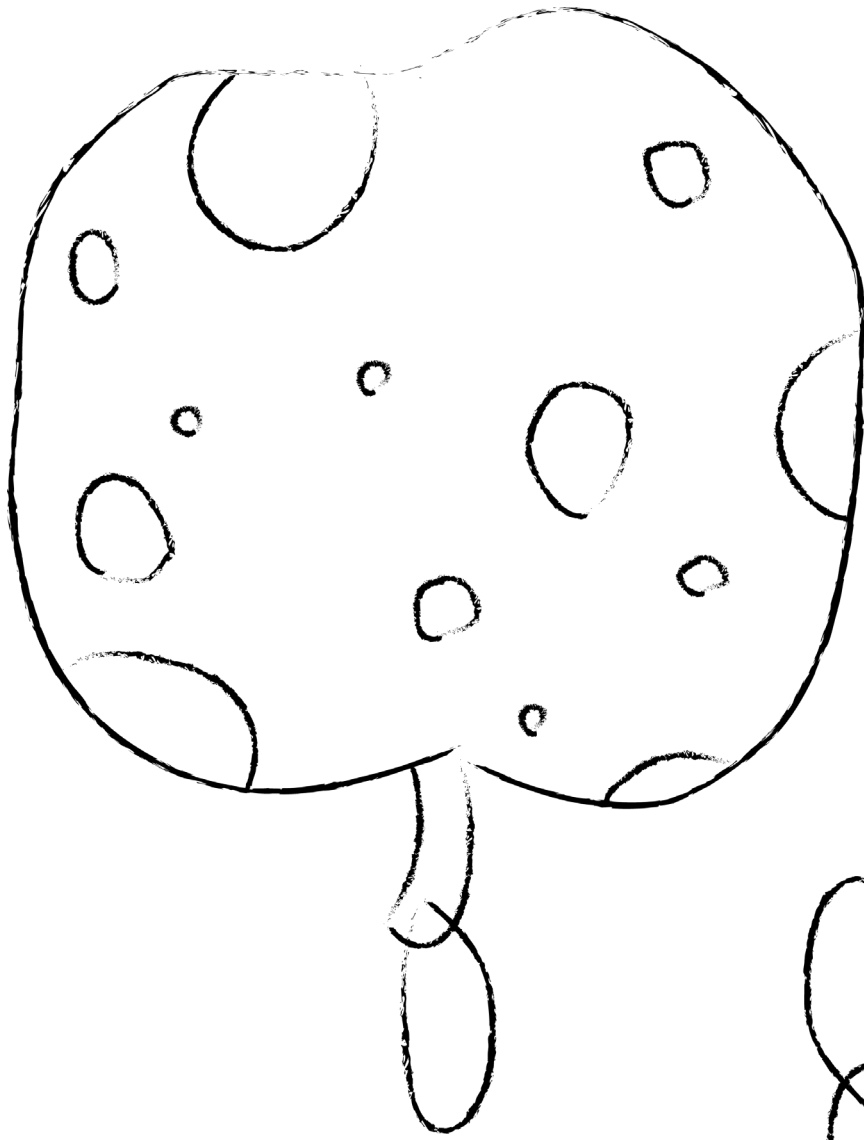
**4 DRAW A PUMPKIN SHAPE ON EACH PAGE LITTLE ONES CAN DO THIS TOO**

**1 CHOOSE SOME VERY BRIGHT COLOURED PAINTS AND WASH THE ENTIRE SHEET WITH THE PAINT**

**2 LET IT DRY**

**3 WITH DIFFERENT SIZE CARROT TOPS PRINT DOTS ALL OVER THE PAINTED PAPER AND LET IT DRY**





# MAKE 5

## PUMPKIN INSTALLATION

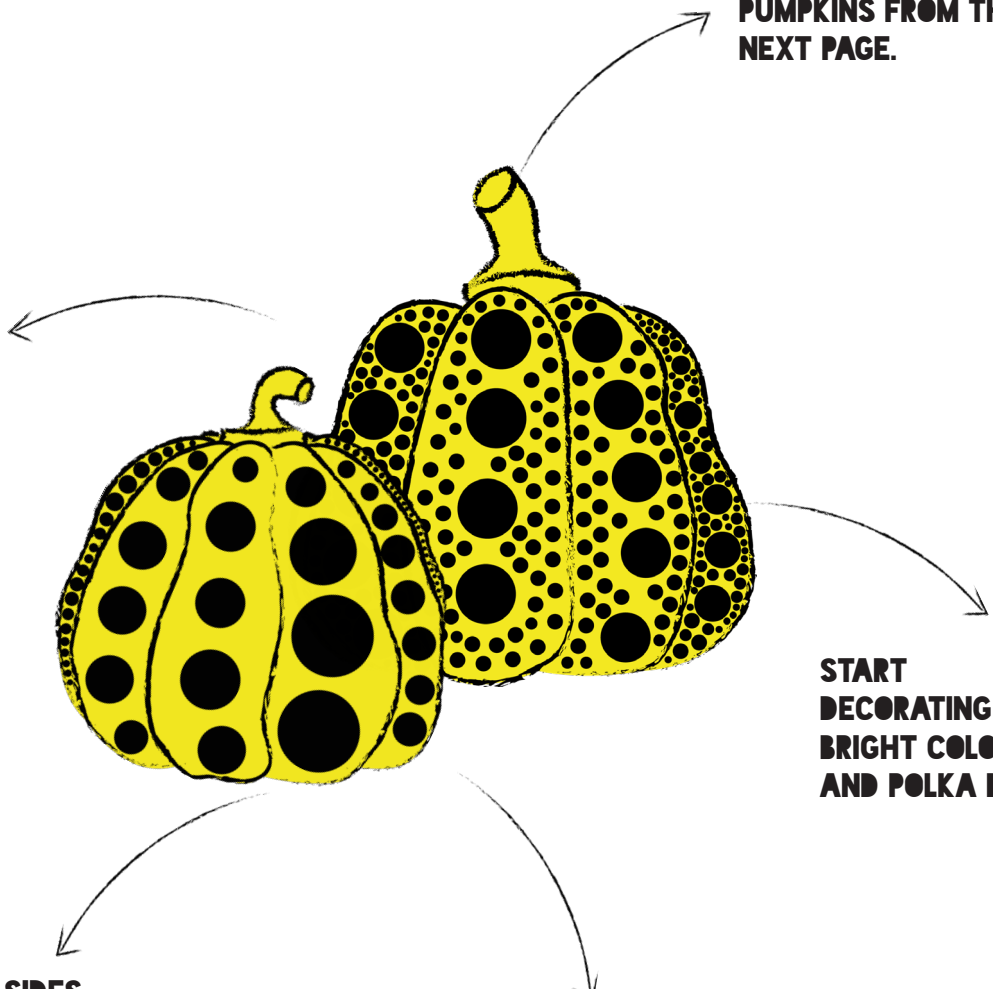


**FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE: PERFECT FOR LITTLE ONES, ON THE NEXT PAGE YOU CAN FIND A PRINT OUT OF ALL PUMPKINS OF MANY SIZES FOR THEM TO COLOUR.**

**PRINT OUT YOUR PUMPKINS FROM THE NEXT PAGE.**

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**5 WHEN YOUR BOX IS READY, START FOLDING THE TABS ON YOUR PUMPKINS AND START STICKING THEM IN!**



**START DECORATING WITH BRIGHT COLOURS AND POLKA DOTS.**

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**4 DECORATE THE SIDES OF YOUR BOX. TO BE JUST LIKE KUSAMA YOU COULD USE SILVER CARD!**

**WHEN YOU HAVE AS MANY PUMPKINS AS YOU WANT FOR YOUR INFINITY ROOM, START CUTTING THEM OUT!**

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**DON'T FORGET! PLEASE SHARE ALL YOUR CREATIONS AS YOU GO ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND TAG US ON INSTAGRAM!**

**COLOUR IN THESE PUMPKINS  
WITH PATTERNS LIKE YAYOI  
KUSAMA'S, CUT THEM OUT  
AND MAKE YOUR OWN  
PUMPKIN INSTALLATION IN A  
SHOE BOX!**

