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Activity Idea

"Simon Says"… Draw

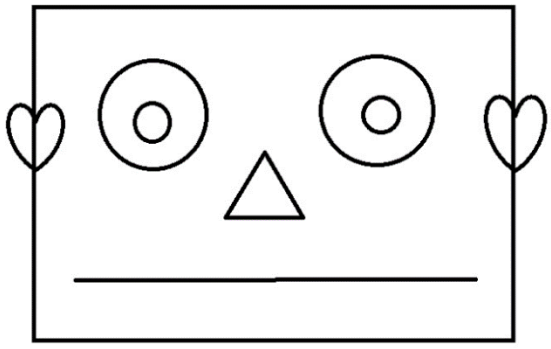
Recommended for Ages 5 - 8

A fun and interactive drawing activity based on the game "Simon Says"!

Materials

Paper, pencils, markers or crayons, an image, picture or drawing – maybe from a magazine or book

Instructions

1. Determine who will be Simon, and then give everyone else a piece of paper and pencils, markers, and crayons.
2. The person giving the directions (Simon) will try to describe the drawing being used, by saying "Simon Says…" For example, if the image or picture is of a house, they might say "Simon Says, draw a big rectangle."
3. Players will draw what is instructed.
4. Compare finished drawings to each other and the original - talk about similarities and differences.

You can use the sample provided as an example or draw your own picture. The goal is to see how people can create such different drawings, even when they are given the same information or instruction. This is a great opportunity to teach colors, shapes, and following directions. You can be very specific, such as "Simon Says draw an 8in x 4in rectangle" or be more general, like "Simon Says draw a big rectangle." Have fun and take turns being Simon, and maybe even try guessing what the image is halfway through drawing it!