

Over and Under the Pond

Inspired Art Project

Supplies Needed

- Cardstock
- Circle templates
- Scissors
- Brad (brass paper fastener)
- Hole punch
- Markers, colored pencils, crayons



Read the Story

Read *Over and Under the Pond* written by Kate Messner with art by Christopher Silas Neal, or watch the video of Miss Emily reading the story at Josephine Ford's Playhouse <https://youtu.be/mXYlgtukP8U>. As you read, what animals do you see in the story? What do you think you would see on or in a pond or a lake? Check out the Ford House website for a video showing step-by-step instructions for this project: <https://youtu.be/6OoUH6coLOc>.

Instructions

1. Collect all the supplies and set up a space to work. Be sure to lay some paper down to protect any surfaces you don't want to get messy!
2. Trace two circles using a plate onto cardstock and cut one in half. OR print the templates that Ford House created onto cardstock and cut those out.
3. You will use the semi-circle (half-circle) to draw yourself, your fellow adventurers, and any animals or things you might see on the water or the on the shoreline beside the water. You might draw yourself with your family and or friends in a canoe, as illustrated in the story, or in another type of boat. Be sure to color the sky and add details about the weather. Are there clouds or birds or bugs in the sky?
4. On the full circle, draw what you think you would see under the water. Can you see seaweed, fish, otters, shells, lobsters, stones, or other things under water? Be sure to fill the whole circle with lots of details and color the water.
5. Once you have finished illustrating your semi and full circles, punch a hole in the center of the circle, and near the center of the semi-circle.
6. Put the semi-circle on top of the circle and use a brad to connect them.
7. Spin the circle and watch as the scene below you!

