

# WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

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Let's make a sculpture inspired by *Where the Wild Things Are*

This book was inspired by Maurice Sendak's childhood memories. He wrote and illustrated the book himself. He realised the 'wild things' in the story were each similar to different members of his family!

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STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE BY MAURICE SENDAK,  
PUBLISHED IN 1963

TEETH

BEAKS

HORNS

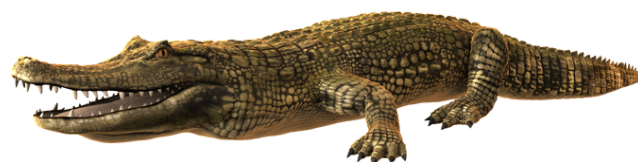
SNOUTS

JAWS



Read the book and look closely at the features of the 'wild thing' characters. What words can you think of to describe them?

LOOK THROUGH NON-FICTION BOOKS TO EXPLORE THE MONSTER-LIKE FEATURES OF ANIMALS



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TRY PLAYING PICTURE CONSEQUENCES IN A GROUP OF THREE TO INVENT NEW AND STRANGE CREATURES!

HEAD & NECK

BODY

LEGS & FEET

THE FIRST PLAYER DRAWS THE HEAD, PASSES IT UNSEEN BY MEANS OF FOLDING TO THE SECOND PLAYER WHO DRAWS THE BODY, THEN ON TO THE THIRD PLAYER WHO DRAWS THE LEGS.

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## CREATE

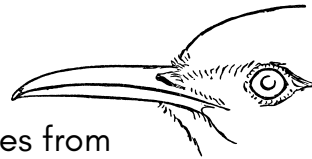
You are going to make a face inspired by the 'wild things' in the story.

- 1 Prime your wooden board and then stick smaller objects on to it to create the face.
- 2 Use modroc to add features and to cover over the other objects you have used on the face.



### tip

You can also create extra features from cardboard and cover them in modroc. For example; horns, noses and beaks



- 3 Paint your monster with colours which bring it to life!
- 4 Add beady eyes, teeth, hair, beards, manes etc.



"Children are tough, though we tend to think of them as fragile."

**Maurice Sendak**

## COLLECT WOODEN OBJECTS



chopping boards

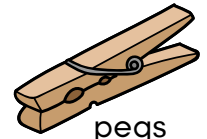


plates



bowls

## AND SMALLER PIECES FOR FEATURES



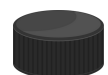
pegs



wooden blocks



lids



bottle tops

## DISPLAY

Hang your 'wild thing' faces on the wall to create a crowd! You could place them in a column or in a long horizontal line...



If you have some cable reels or a large cardboard tube, you could display your 'wild thing' faces on these to create a tall column...

CAN YOU CREATE A SEQUEL TO THE STORY OF WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE INCORPORATING YOUR NEW WILD CHARACTERS?

