

A MONSTER READ-ALoud, SING-ALONG, AND DRAWING EVENT KIT

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STORY-TIME ACTIVITY KIT

ABOUT THE KIT

This fun activity event kit shows that even monsters can enjoy story hour!

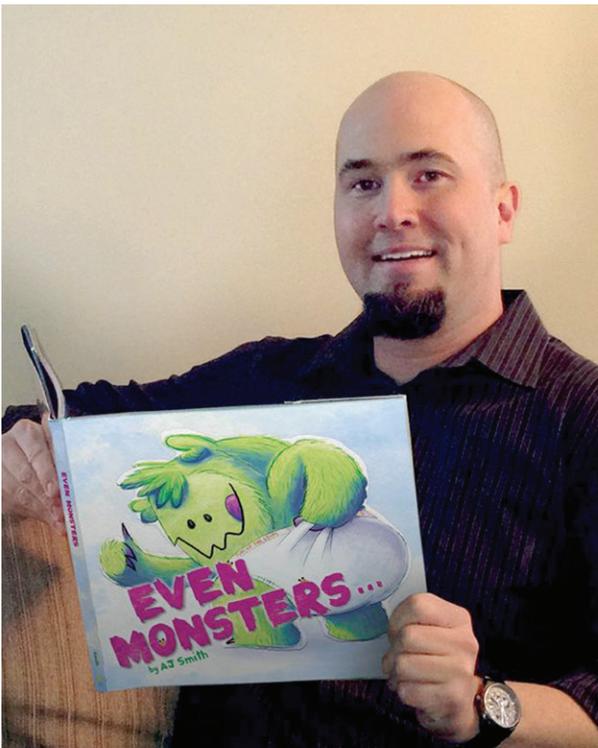
The kit contains:

- Read-aloud action prompts
- Downloadable music with sing-along sheets
- Themed snack ideas
- Monster drawing sheets

As a follow-up to the event, each child can enter the Monster Art Contest. Winners of the contest will have their monster drawing animated by author/illustrator AJ Smith himself!

Click here to enter the contest:

www.evenmonsters.com/artcontest



ABOUT THE BOOK

Everybody knows monsters can be...well, MONSTERS. But did you know sometimes even monsters get scared? They can be sad, they can be kind, they can miss their mommies. Sometimes, they're just plain silly. And even monsters need to brush their teeth!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

AJ Smith is an illustrator from Newburyport, MA. He's published eleven children's titles with more coming soon! Before turning to books, AJ worked as an animator and character designer, and also taught high school and college art. Right now, he's busy writing a chapter book series and scribbling away on his first ebook.

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WHAT YOU'LL NEED FOR STORY TIME:

- A copy of *EVEN MONSTERS...*, of course!
- Copies of the worksheets found in the back of this packet for all the kids:
 - “How to Draw Glubb”
 - “How to Draw Skeeibu”
 - “Draw Your Own Monster”
 - “Do the ROARR” lyrics
 - Cootie Counter
- Plenty of crayons and colored pencils for your monster artists!



THEMED SNACK (OPTIONAL):

If you decide to include the themed snack in your Story Time, you'll also need:

- Copies of the “Make Your Own Swamp Munch Cereal Box” for all the kids
- Kix cereal, gummy bugs, gummy worms, granola (with no nuts), or other small snack foods to fill up the Swamp Munch cereal boxes

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The *Even Monsters* ROAR-ALOUD Story Time:

1. Read the story aloud. When you come upon the monster sound pages, have the kids growl and snarl along with the monsters in the book. In addition, pause at the following pages to ask:
 - A. **Page 1:** Glubb roars when he wakes up!
 - i. Ask everyone to act out how they would wake up if they were a monster!
 - B. **Page 4:** Glubb was reading *Batmonster* and *Even Humans*.
 - i. Do you have a favorite book that you think the monsters would like? Why would they like it?
 - C. **Page 5:** Skeebeu drinks mantis milk and eats Swamp Munch cereal.
 - i. Ask the group what kind of monster cereal they would eat. Ask them how it would taste. Would it have mud, bugs, or even worms?
 - D. **Page 11:** Monsters know their ABCs.
 - i. Can you recite the ABCs like a monster?
 - E. **Page 12:** Skeebeu is a good artist!
 - i. Ask the group what their monsters would draw if they could draw. Ask them why!
 - F. **Page 15-16:** Skeebeu and Glubb are playing soccer.
 - i. How do you think monsters act when they run? Show us!
 - G. **Page 18:** Even monsters play video games. Glubb and Skeebeu are playing *Plaques Man* and *Dragula*.
What video games do you play?
 - i. Ask the group to make up their own monster video game! What would they call their monster video game? How would you win?
 - H. **Page 29-30:** Glubb and Skeebeu are sharing their robot toy.
 - i. Why is it important to share things you like? Remember, if monsters can share, humans can too!
2. When you're finished with the story, play the "Do the ROARR" song and encourage the kids to dance around like monsters.
3. Hand out the coloring pages and ask the kids to draw Glubb, Skeebeu, or their own monsters. Once the kids are done drawing their monsters, make sure their parents hold on to them! Once they get home, they can submit them to the Monster Art Contest! (More info in the back of this packet.)

DO THE ROARRR

SING ALONG
WITH THE HOTTEST,
NEW CHART-TOPPING HIT SONG!

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Roar-roar-roar-roar, roar-roar-roar-roar
Roar-roar-roar-roar, roar-roar-roar-roar - Do the ROAR!

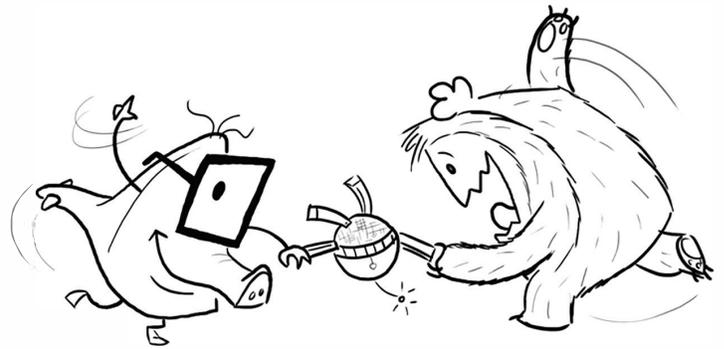
Well, you can scream, you can shout
You just gotta let it out - Do the ROAR!
When there's no batteries in your toys
And you've gotta make some noise, you've gotta ROAR!
We're a-rocking and a-roaring, ain't no time for snoring - Do the ROAR!

RRR! Let's all do the ROAR
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR
Come on, let's all do the ROAR!

Sometimes we must be quiet
Other times, you gotta riot - Do the ROAR!
Whispering time is done
Gotta rock, gotta run - Do the ROAR!
Hop and jump like a frog, do a dance with the dog - Do the ROAR!
Let's ROAR!

RRR! Let's all do the ROAR
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR
Come on, let's all do the ROAR!
Let's ROAR!

[Instrumental Interlude]



Swing your head, stomp your feet
Shake your buns to the beat - Do the ROAR!
When it's time to go outside
Take the skateboard for a ride - Do the ROAR!
Growl and howl at the moon, bang some pots with a spoon - Do the ROAR!

Always listen to your teacher, but
In the backyard, be a creature - Do the ROAR!
If your fur is full of cooties
Then you gotta shake your booty - Do the ROAR!
Kick your leg like karate, don't forget to potty - Do the ROAR!

RRR! Let's all do the ROAR
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR (roar-roar-roar)
Let's all do the ROAR
Come on, let's all do the ROAR!
Let's ROAR!

Roar-roar-roar-roar, roar-roar-roar-roar
Roar-roar-roar-roar, roar-roar-roar-roar - Do the ROAR!

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MAKE YOUR OWN SWAMP MUNCH CEREAL BOX

DIRECTIONS

1. Print out pages 1 and 2 of this document (8.5" X 11"). Heavy cardstock is best for page 2 but regular printer paper is OK too.

2. Use scissors to cut out the cereal box template (page 2) around the outside edge.

3. Fold all interior straight lines back.

4. Place two small pea-size dabs of glue on shaded flap 1 and attach it to the rear side of flap A. See FIGURE I.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

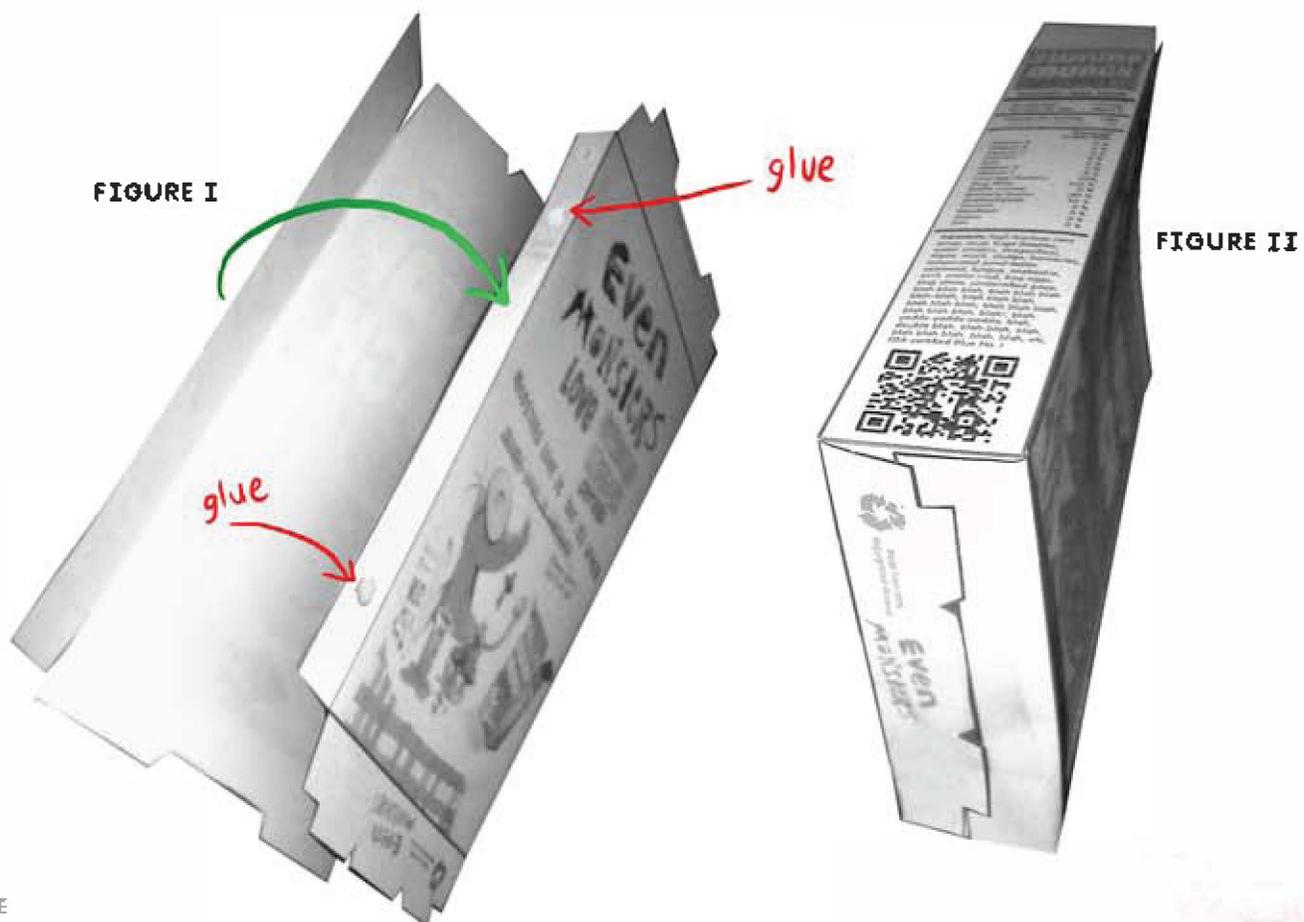
- cereal box template (second page)
- scissors, glue, clear tape
- printer & printer paper (cardstock works best)
- dirt, pebbles, clumps of grass (a few bugs wouldn't hurt, either)

5. Place one small pea-size dab of glue on each of shaded flaps 2 and 3. Attach them to the rear side of flap B. Fold flap C into flap B. See FIGURE II. Once folded, secure with a small piece of clear tape.

6. Fill entire box with dirt, found objects, junk, etc.

7. Close top by folding flap D into flap E. Smaller remaining flaps should be folded underneath.

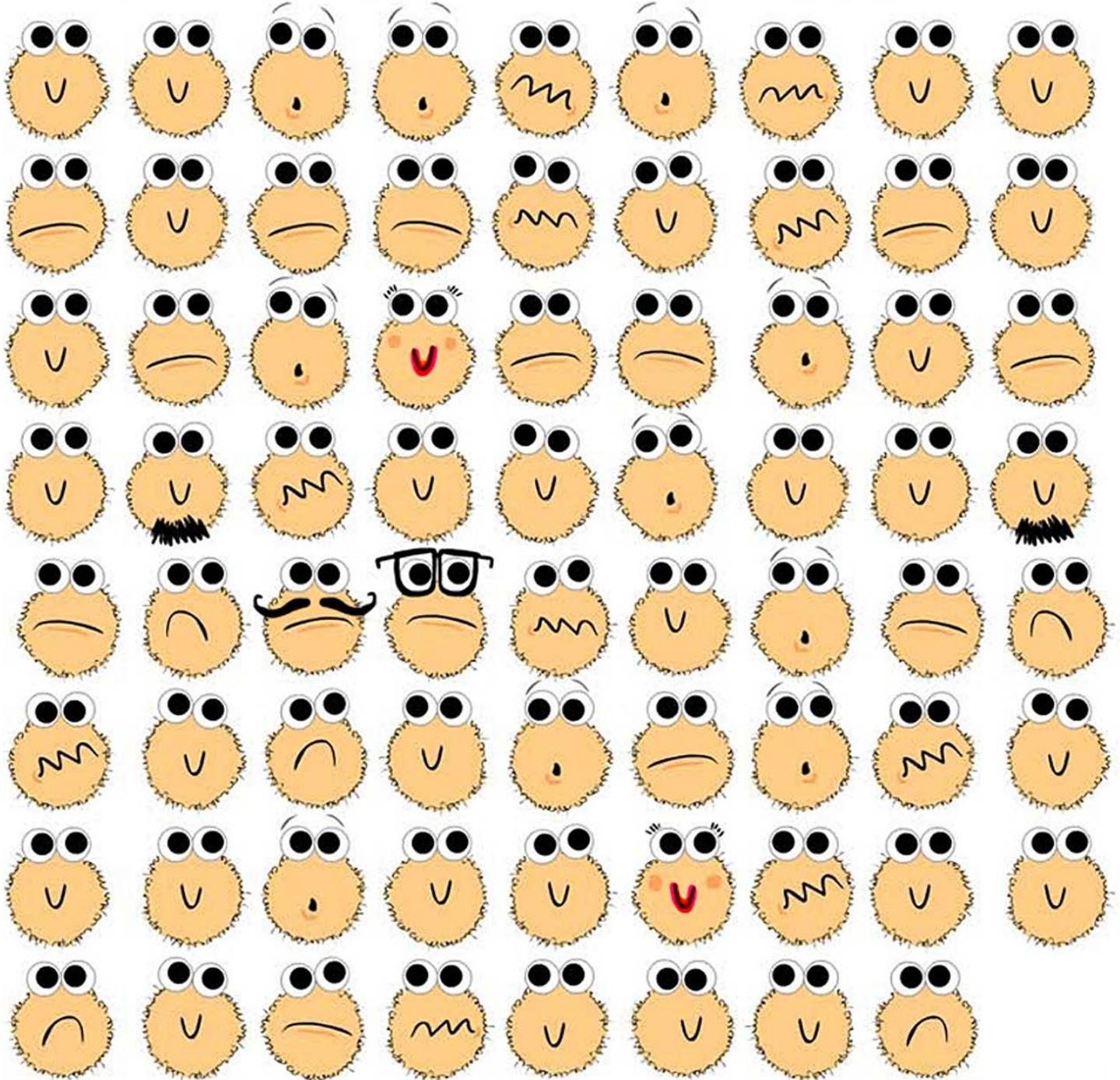
8. Hide it in cabinet with other breakfast cereals or put it in your sister's lunch box!



COOTIE COUNTER

Keep careful count of these crazy critters!

- How many cooties are smiling?
- Any cooties wearing glasses? Any wearing makeup?
- How many cooties have a surprised face?
- How many cooties in each row? How many in each column?
- How many cooties are there all together?
- How many cooties look sad?
- Can you find any cooties with a beard?
- Now count the cooties in your sister's hair!

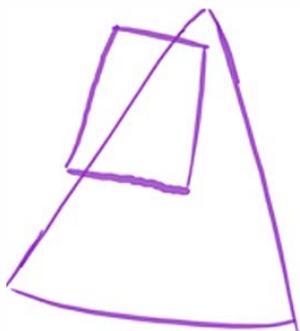


Even monsters have cooties (especially boy monsters) -- eww!

HOW TO DRAW SKEEBU

1 SHAPES!

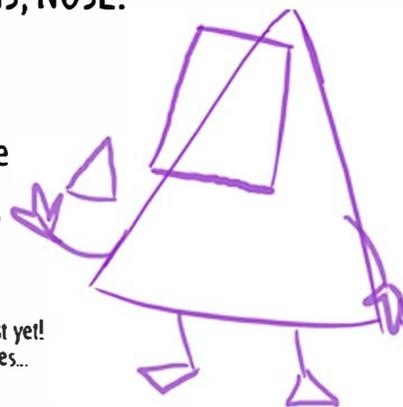
Skeebu's body is one big triangle and his glasses are a rectangle.



TIP: Try sketching with a lighter colored pencil. You can go over it with a black outline later.

2 ARMS, LEGS, NOSE!

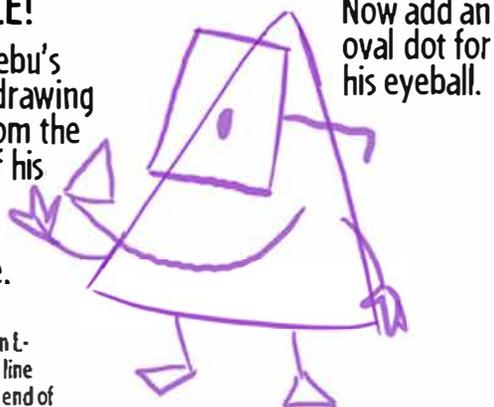
Skeebu has stick figure arms and legs with triangle feet and a triangle nose. His hands have three pointy fingers.



TIP: Don't add details just yet! Stick with your shapes...

3 SMILE!

Make Skeebu's snout by drawing a smile from the bottom of his nose to the side of his face.



Now add an oval dot for his eyeball.

TIP: Draw an L-shaped line for the end of his glasses.

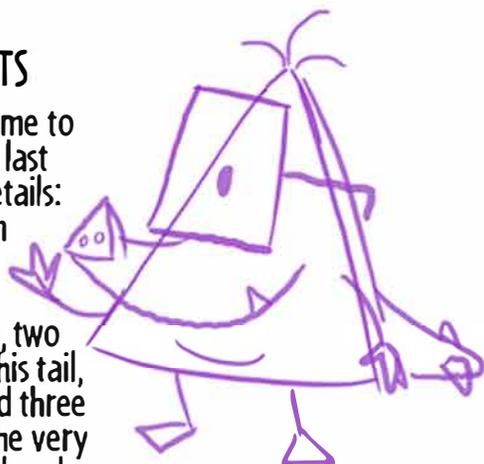
4 TALL TAIL

Add Skeebu's tail by adding a skinnier triangle coming out from his back (and butt).



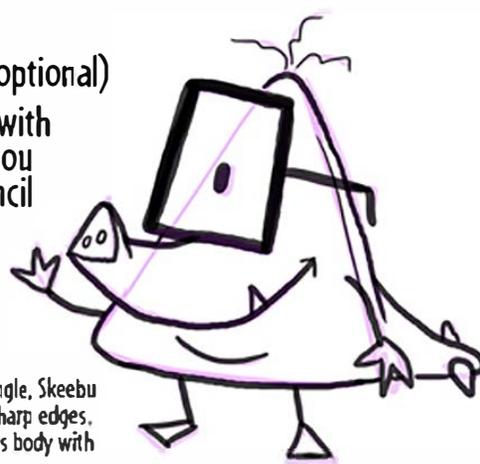
5 DEETS

Now it's time to add some last minute details: nostrils on his nose, a fang in his mouth, two horns on his tail, a chin, and three hairs on the very top of his head.



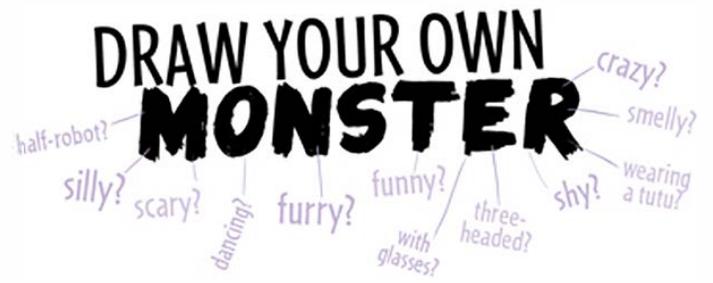
6 OUTLINE (optional)

Trace your work with a black marker. You can erase the pencil lines after. Use a thicker line for Skeebu's glasses.



TIP: Unlike an actual triangle, Skeebu doesn't have many sharp edges. Try smoothing out his body with curved outlines.

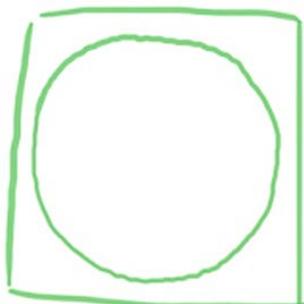
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HOW TO DRAW GLUBB

1 SHAPES!

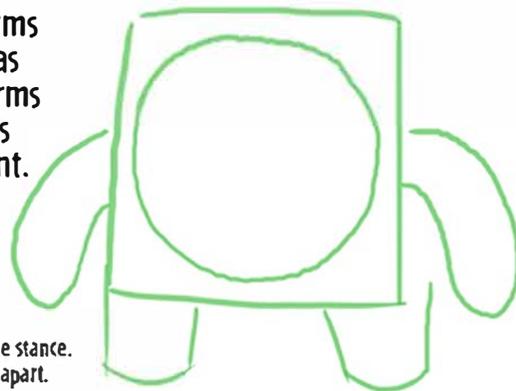
Glubb's body is pretty simple: a big square with a circle in the middle for his face.



TIP: Try sketching with a lighter colored pencil. You can go over it with a black outline later.

2 ARMS AND LEGS

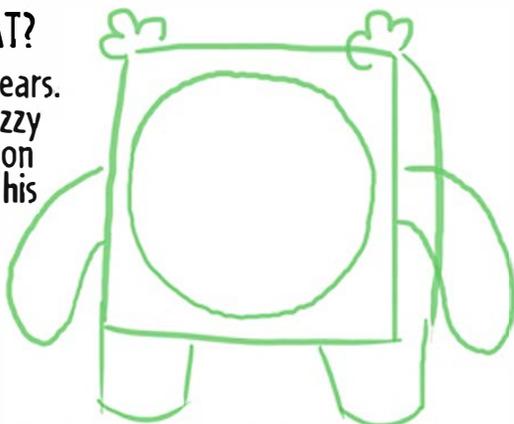
Add Glubb's arms and legs. He has long, strong arms but stubby legs like an elephant.



TIP: Glubb has a wide stance. Keep his legs far apart.

3 WHAT?

Add in his ears. They're fuzzy little tufts on the top of his head.



TIP: Draw the edge of his back by making a line from the back of his leg to the top of his head.

4 SMILE!

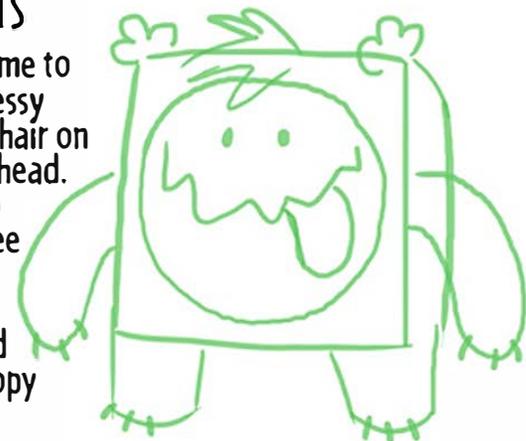
Add a wavy, jagged line for Glubb's smile.

Don't forget two dots for his eyes!



5 DEETS

Now it's time to add his messy bed-head hair on top of his head. Glubb also needs three claws on each paw. Finally add a big, droopy tongue!



6 OUTLINE (optional)

Trace your work with a black marker. You can erase the pencil lines after.



TIP: You can use a scratchy, scribbly line to make Glubb look furry.

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MONSTER'S NAME: _____

ARTIST'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____

DRAW YOUR OWN MONSTER

