



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

**Paper:** This can be drawing paper, printer paper or recycled papers like the back of worksheets, cardboard, or whatever is available.

**Drawing Tools:** Use whatever you have: Pencil, Marker, Crayons, Colored Pencils...

**Loose Parts:** Find these around the house and in nature. Examples: an envelope, the cardboard from a frozen pizza, plastic bottle caps, yarn, sticks, rocks, leaves etc.

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Part of my job as an artist is sharing my approach to creativity and teaching basic techniques and approaches to art making. If you are interested in bringing me into your school or working with me to create specialized tutorial content please email me.

# WHAT CAN YOU CREATE WITH A SHAPE?

Tutorial by Ali LaRock

## PROJECT GOAL

The goal of this lesson is to explore how geometric and organic shapes can be used to create simple images with loose part play and drawing.

## PROCESS

### Loose Part Play Warm Up

Look for shapes everywhere: gather loose parts from around the house and nature that are different shapes. Explore arranging and combining them to make an image like a face, creature, or thing. I created a truck with an envelope, playing card box, and coffee cup lids for the tires.

### Draw Your Arrangement

You can use your loose parts arrangement as inspiration for a drawing. Using whatever drawing materials you want look at the shapes your arrangement is made up of and draw what you see. Feel free to make changes or additions as you go.

### Start With a Random/Organic Shape

Draw a random shape. Turn your paper around looking at it from different angles till you get an idea of what it could become. Add details to create your idea.

### Build and Imagine With Geometric Shapes

Draw a named geometric shape. For example, a square. Consider all the things you could turn it into. Add details to create your idea. Add additional shapes if needed-for example on either side of the square add a tall rectangle with a triangle on top to make a castle. Or imagine what you want to make and consider what shapes would work best to combine to create it.

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