Make art with the Art Gallery of New South Wales

Paper pups
Hi, my name is Frankie and this is my human Michael Brand. He’s the director of the Art Gallery of New South Wales and we would love you to take a look at some of my doggie friends.

Artists love to create. They make drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and other things for us to look at. Some artists love to explore our relationships with animals and nature. They make art that tells stories or is inspired by the bond between pets and their owners.
Dogs have provided inspiration to artists for hundreds of years and our collection has many wonderful examples of paintings, sculptures and drawings of dogs. Dogs and pets can also provide comfort for us during difficult times. Perhaps you have spent more time than usual with your pet during the pandemic? Maybe you even adopted a pet?

Look at these artworks from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, become an artist and make your own life-size paper pup influenced by these artworks.

You will need:
640 x 510 mm card to cut into strips
Sticky tape
Scissors
Ear and leg templates
String
Your imagination!

Remember, you are the artist so you can decide on the appearance of your dog and even name it!

When you have mastered this technique, you can use it to make different types of animals by changing the face, ear, legs and adding different parts.
1. Take one strip of card and fold it into a circle shape. We used a card strip measuring 640 x 51 mm.

2. Sticky tape the circle and make sure it is secure.

3. Sticky tape all the way round.

4. Press in one end of the circle and flatten to make a snout shape.

5. Sticky tape the circle and take another strip of card (640 x 51mm) and cut a little bit off to make into a smaller circle than the first.

6. Repeat again with a smaller circle so you have the original one with flattened snout and two circles (one medium and one small).

7. Sticky tape the smallest circle on the snout end of the first circle.

8. Make sure you sticky tape any areas that touch on both sides.

9. Sticky tape the larger circle towards the back so you can see a head shape forming.
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<td>Make sure all areas that touch are securely taped together.</td>
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<td>Take two pieces of rectangular card for the ears. Draw an ear shape on the top one so you can cut them out at the same time.</td>
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<td>For a pricked-up ear, cut in a little bit in from the bottom and overlap and tape in place. (You can use our template for your ears or make up your own shapes).</td>
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<td>Sticky tape the ears securely to the head.</td>
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<td>For floppy ears, draw a curved shape with a flat base on one of the rectangles of card and cut two out at the same time.</td>
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<td>Make two folds along the straight edge of your floppy ears.</td>
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<td>Sticky tape them to the head (further down that pricked up ears).</td>
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<td>Tape one long strip to the back of the head attaching it to where the back circle is and make sure it is secure.</td>
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<td>Take two more long strips to make two circles.</td>
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19 Make the two circles (one larger than the other) for the belly of your dog. Tape them to the long strip of card that is attached to the head.

20 Tape another long strip of card underneath them and loop it under the tail. Tape it securely to any part of card that touches (under the tail at the back and to the head at the front).

21 Add a small strip of card around the back end of the dog to enable you to attach the back legs.

22 Cut a long strip in half and make it into a collar for your dog.

23 Cut out our leg templates and draw round them on card and cut our two front legs and two back legs.

24 Lay out your legs ready to attach them to your dog.

25 Tape the legs on making sure you keep them even so your dog doesn’t become lopsided and attach the back ones to the piece of card you added to the back circle.

26 Stick all four legs on.

27 Make a hole in the tip of the tail and attach a piece of string and then tape another piece of string to the head so you can take your paper pup for a walk. What name will you give it?
640 x 510 mm card
to cut to:

Full head shape and snout
640 x 51mm

Head medium circle
480 x 51 mm approx.

Head small circle
340 x 51 mm approx.

Belly medium circle
640 x 51 mm approx.

Belly small circle
480 x 51 mm approx.

Back & tail
640 x 51 mm
Big floppy ears
Collar
Name tag