



## What is the Outside the Box Series?

There are so many AWESOME opportunities to learn and grow on screens right now! So many ways for little minds to create and explore! But we want to make sure we are helping you explore outside of the digital box with your family and friends.

"Outside the Box" activity sheets are published as a part of The Rose Theater's First Stage series and are distributed at Little Libraries and other locations around the Omaha area!

Each month you will find:

- **A Think!**  
Brainstorm and discuss between child and caregiver about our theme of the month.
- **A Do!**  
Move, Create, or Act out an activity specially created for our littlest learners.
- **An Explore!**  
Finding new ways to take in and observe the outside world.

We will also have links to other activities you can do on the digital box located on The Rose Theater's website and YouTube page for more fun songs, stories and games.



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# November

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## Theme: Recycling and Helping the Earth!



Brainstorm and Discuss  
5-15 minutes  
Ages 3 and Up

### Discuss the following questions:

- What are some things you throw away, or find in the trash?
- What does trash look like? What does it smell like?
- What does your trash can look like?
- Do you have a recycling bin? What does that look like?
- Where in your house is your trash and recycling bin?
- What are some things you put in the recycling? What do those things look like? What do they sound like?

### Make a puppet from recycled items!

In theater, designers use all different kinds of materials to make these props and puppets for our shows at The Rose. Sometimes the puppets are made with wood and fabric using tools. Other times, they are made out of recycled plastic bags and toys using glue. All of these pieces come together to make one puppet - a bird, a dog, a monster, a person, or any other character there might be!

Use some of the ideas you brainstormed in the A Think! Section to create your own puppet out of recycled materials in your home! Recycling starts with you and finding creative ways to reuse your trash instead of throwing it away.

**Step One:** Brainstorm! What items can you use for your puppet? Recyclable materials like paper, plastic, cardboard and cans are perfect! What can you use for eyes? Would your puppet have arms? Or maybe hair, or scales? Your puppet can look any way you want!

**Step Two:** Make it! Use the recyclable items, and maybe some craft supplies to make your puppet! Use glue or tape to put the pieces together. Maybe use markers or paint to draw on your puppet, maybe use yarn or feathers for decoration. Anything you have can work!

**Step Three:** Bring it to Life! Use your body, voice, and imagination to make your puppet into its own character. How does your puppet sound? What is its name? How does it move? Show it off to your adults!



## DO!

Create & Act  
15-25 minutes  
Ages 3 and Up



### EXPLORE!

Observe the World  
15-30 minutes  
Ages 3 and Up

On this Explore, while on a walk, or even around your own house, and you think of colorful things that might be recycled? Maybe it's a green plastic bottle, or a red box! Try to find all the colors of the rainbow!



Did you find them all?



Can you tell which items should be recycled and which should be put in the trash? Cut out the pictures and put them on the correct sides of the line!



Recycle



Trash

