

# LOVE BUG PUPPET

## AN INTERACTIVE VALENTINE'S DAY PROJECT

Inspired by the books: *Love the World* and *If You'll Be My Valentine*

Grades: Pre K - 2nd



Finished love bug project

### OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

- Students will use their creativity to make a unique Valentine's Day creature.
- Students will create an interactive artwork by bringing their puppets to life.
- Students will learn about the importance of love and acceptance.

### DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/CONCEPT

Students will be creating a mixed media work of art centered around Valentine's Day and the theme of love. They will use red, pink, and purple paper, pipe cleaners, and hearts to decorate a paper bag. Students will use their imagination to bring their artwork to life and interact with each other's pieces.

### MATERIALS

White paper bags, Valentine's Day themed scrapbook paper, or construction paper (red, pink, and purple), heart stickers; pipe-cleaners (red, pink, purple) markers; clear tape, glue sticks; scissors.

### VOCABULARY

Mixed Media – the use of various materials or artmaking techniques in a work of art

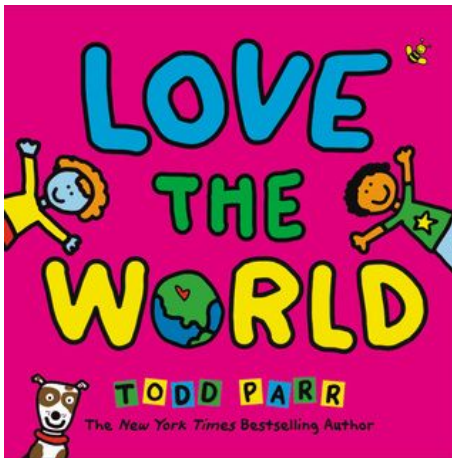
### PROCEDURE

1. Pass out a white paper bag to each student, and spread out the other supplies so that the students have a variety of materials to choose from.
2. Have students orient the bags so that the flap is on top. This will be the face of the puppet.
3. Students add heart stickers and glue Valentine's Day themed paper to the bag to create their love bugs.
4. Students use the markers to add facial features to their love bugs.
5. Students secure pipe cleaners to the back of the bag with tape, so that the arms, legs, wings, etc., stick out when looking at the front of the love bug.
6. Students put their hands inside the bags and bring their love bugs to life.

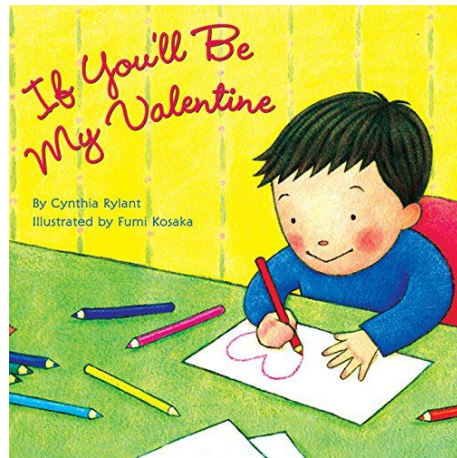


### RELATED RESOURCES/ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Use these books to guide the lesson and add more meaning to the students' artmaking.



*Love the World*  
Todd Parr



*If You'll Be My Valentine*  
Cynthia Rylant

Incorporate these additional learning activities to enhance the lesson.

A playful poem that students and their love bugs can recite:

It begins with a grin,  
It turns to a giggle,  
You start to laugh,  
Your legs start to wiggle  
You look all around for someone to hug,  
What can do you,  
You've caught the love bug!  
Aaachoo!

The American Sign Language sign for love:

