Family Fun

Featured Story:
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**South End, Boston (Shy Boy and Mother)**
1950s, Hansi Durlach, gelatin silver print on Kodak professional paper, 2003.97 (eMuseum Link)

This photograph is very joyful, with the shy boy hiding behind the mother’s side and the mother smiling widely - perhaps even laughing at the photographer. Even without the title we could see that this adult and child have a relationship and were probably family!

**Earth Mother**
1882, Edward Burnes-Jones, encaustic on mahogany panel, 1983.1 (eMuseum Link)

This work was done in encaustic, which means that the artist used colored wax to paint this image! Here we see a woman who is representing the “mother” of the Earth - the being who takes care of all people (the baby), the animals (the wolf), and the planet (plants and water). This piece shows relationships between people, and people and other creatures and our planet.

**Traditional Japanese Wooden Dolls (Kokeshi): Mother and Young Daughter**
No date, Inagaki, Toskijiro, hand stencil-printed in ink and color on kozo paper, 2010.157 (eMuseum Link)

This piece of art has been created using stencils. The artist used forms with cut-outs that they placed on top of the paper and applied ink through. The image in the print is of traditional Japanese wooden dolls--a mother and daughter. These dolls were brightly painted with bold designs with much attention paid to detail. Like in the photograph above, we see a pair of people who have a relationship.
My Puppet Family

Supplies

- Printed Puppet Templates (next page)
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Scissors
- Tape or glue
- Your choice of Drawing Materials like crayons, oil pastels, colored pencils, pencils, etc.
- Optional mixed media: sequins, string, cotton fluff, fabric, glitter,

Create

Today you will create your own collection of finger puppets! You can create a puppet family that represents the family that you live with, or you can make animal families, or a family from your imagination!

1. Decide on the type of family you want to create.
2. On the template paper, draw one member of the family on each rounded end of a finger puppet template.
3. Color the finger puppets in.
4. Cut the finger puppet out along the black line - you can change the shape of the top part if you wish!
5. Add any additional details you want (buttons, fabric, hair, etc)
6. Once the puppets are ready and anything you may have glued on is dry, we will make them into finger puppets. For each one, wrap the strips on either side of the bottom of the puppet loosely around your finger and tape the loop.
7. Once you have the first loop made you can use that loop to make the rest about the same size off of your finger - or you can continue to use you fingers as a guide.
Family Tree Portraits

Supplies

• Large piece of paper  
• Pencil  
• Eraser  
• Your choice of drawing or painting materials: crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolors, etc.

Create
We are going to create a family tree - which is an image of how individuals in a family are related! A family tree can look like a real tree, or it can look more abstract--like a graph. You can include as many--or as few--family members as you want. You could even create a family tree of an animal family or imaginary family! You can include all types of family members - aunts, uncles, cousins, adopted family, even friends!

1. Pick a shape to use (oval, square, rectangle, star...) as a person’s frame or window. I used an oval for the Hedge-Hog family.
2. Draw one of these shapes in the bottom, middle of your paper. Write your name (or the name of your imaginary person) under it. (Hattie)
3. Draw shapes on the right and left of your shape if you have (or your imaginary person has) any siblings (brothers/sisters). Write their names under the shapes.
4. Draw a shape for each of your (or your imaginary person’s) parents in a row above the shape with your name under it. These windows will be for the parents. Write their names under the shapes.
5. Above the row the parents are in, draw shapes for each of their parents! And again, write their names under the shapes!
6. Now comes for the fun! You can draw a portrait of each of these people or choose a symbol to draw - like a soccer ball for a family member that loves soccer or a cupcake for the baker in your family.
7. Draw your symbols or portraits in pencil first, then add color with whatever media you choose!