

The Gardiner's collection is full of fun and interesting objects that you can make using common household materials. One of our favourites is *Goofus* by Erica Deichmann-Gregg and Kjeld Deichmann.



The Deichmann's were a husband and wife team who ran Canada's first pottery studio, located in New Brunswick, from 1935 to 1963. The *Goofus*, a llama or deer-like creature, was one of Erica's most famous designs and featured in many of her works. Want to make your own *Goofus*? Here's how...

Materials:

- Recycled materials from your blue box. We used, 2 small plastic bottles, an egg carton, and a brown paper bag
- Masking tape
- White glue
- 2 paper towel sheets
- Acrylic paint
- Paper mache paste. Just mix water and flour together until you have a watery pudding with a paste-like consistency
- Markers
- Scissors

Instructions:

Look through your blue box for materials to use.



Have an adult help you cut up the materials to the size and shape you want. You should cut pieces for the head, ears, neck, body, and legs.



Use the masking tape to attach the pieces together in the shape of the *Goofus*. They will be glued more strongly later on.



Rip the paper towels into strips and dip them into the paper mache paste. Wipe off any excess paste or drips and cover your object with the strips, like bandages.



Place your object in a warm dry space and let it set.

Rip the brown paper bag into strips. Cover one side of the strip with a thin coating of glue. We suggest using a paintbrush for this step. Cover your *Goofus* in the strips, just like you did with the paper towel.



Let it dry.

Use paint and markers to decorate your *Goofus*.



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