

Figures in Motion

Explore movement and colour in art!



Derek Martin – Mohawk, Six Nations of the Grand
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The twenty-two vibrant photographs from the *REGALIA: Indigenous Pride* exhibit capture the movement and beauty of powwow dances while highlighting the sacred and traditional clothing worn. You can incorporate colour and movement into your own art while making figures in motion collages! To learn more, visit **REGALIA: Indigenous Pride** at PAMA from July 2nd to October 30th, 2022!

Materials:

- Construction paper (or use copy paper and draw your own designs!)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Optional: Jointed Figure Template and thumb tacks

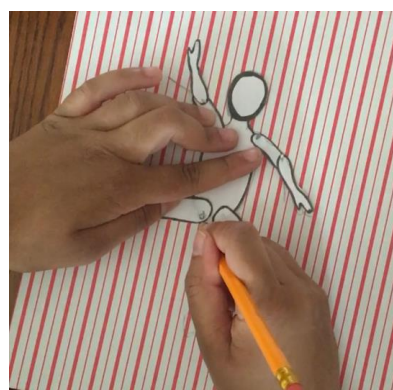
Instructions:

1. (Optional) Cut out and assemble your jointed figure template.

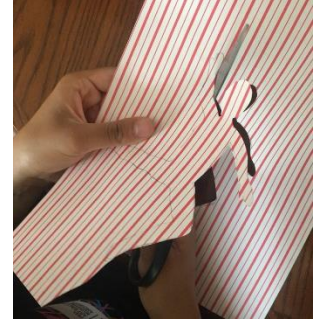
Cut out the template pieces and attach them using thumb tacks or safety pins. Attach lower legs to upper legs and secure the upper legs to the bottom of the body piece. Attach the lower arms to upper arms and secure the upper arms to the shoulder area of the body piece. Try moving the pieces to create different poses with your figure.

2. Sketch and cut out your figures.

Start by sketching your first figure in any pose you like onto construction paper (ex. balancing on one foot, hands on top of the head, etc.). Next, sketch the figure doing a different pose on a different colour of construction paper- this is your last figure. Think about how you would have to move your arms, legs, and other parts of your body to move from one pose to the other. Sketch the figure halfway through this movement.



If you're using a jointed figure, trace the template onto a piece of construction paper and cut it out. Next, move the arms and legs a bit, so the new pose is only slightly different from the first pose. Trace and cut out the figure again. Repeat this step to create as many figures as you want (at least 3).



When you are finished, cut out your figures.

3. Decorate the background.

Cut out different shapes from a different coloured construction paper and glue them down to your page.

4. Glue down the figures.

Arrange the figures on the page, layered over the decorated background in order from the starting to ending pose. Then, glue down the pieces.



