



My Little Skills Gallery

Start with one detail in your child's picture. Listen as they describe what they can do, then help them invent special designs for the other people in the drawing.

Helps Your Child Grow



Sense of Identity and Belonging

Talking about what they can do and what they like helps your child recognize and express their own abilities, characteristics, and interests.

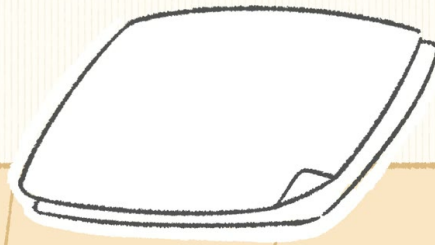


Creativity

Adding imaginative patterns and personal details to the people in the picture gives your child practice turning ideas into drawings, stories, and play.



What You'll Need



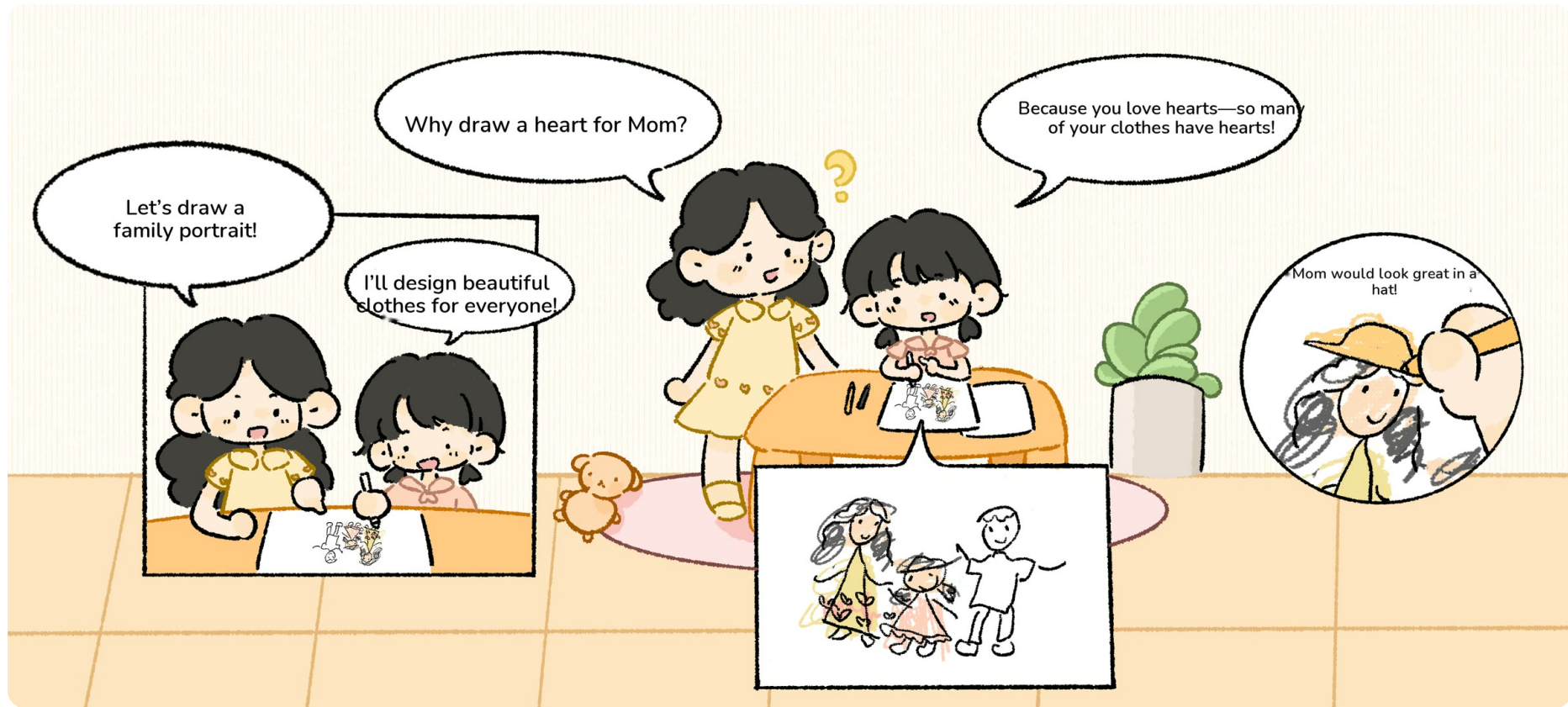
Paper



Colored Pencils

What You'll Need

1. Paper
2. Colored pencils or markers



Every Design Has a Story

When your child draws the family, look beyond whether the picture is pretty. Ask about one interesting detail so they can share the idea behind it. Being listened to can make them more eager to draw and explain what they imagine.

Observations

- Adds details to the picture while talking with you, such as a hat for Mom
- Adds more decorations after looking at what is already in the picture

Tips

- Choose one detail instead of asking question after question. Try, “What is special about this skirt?”
- Help connect scattered ideas: “Mom has a hat and hearts on her skirt. You wanted her to look extra special!”



Put Your Skills in the Picture

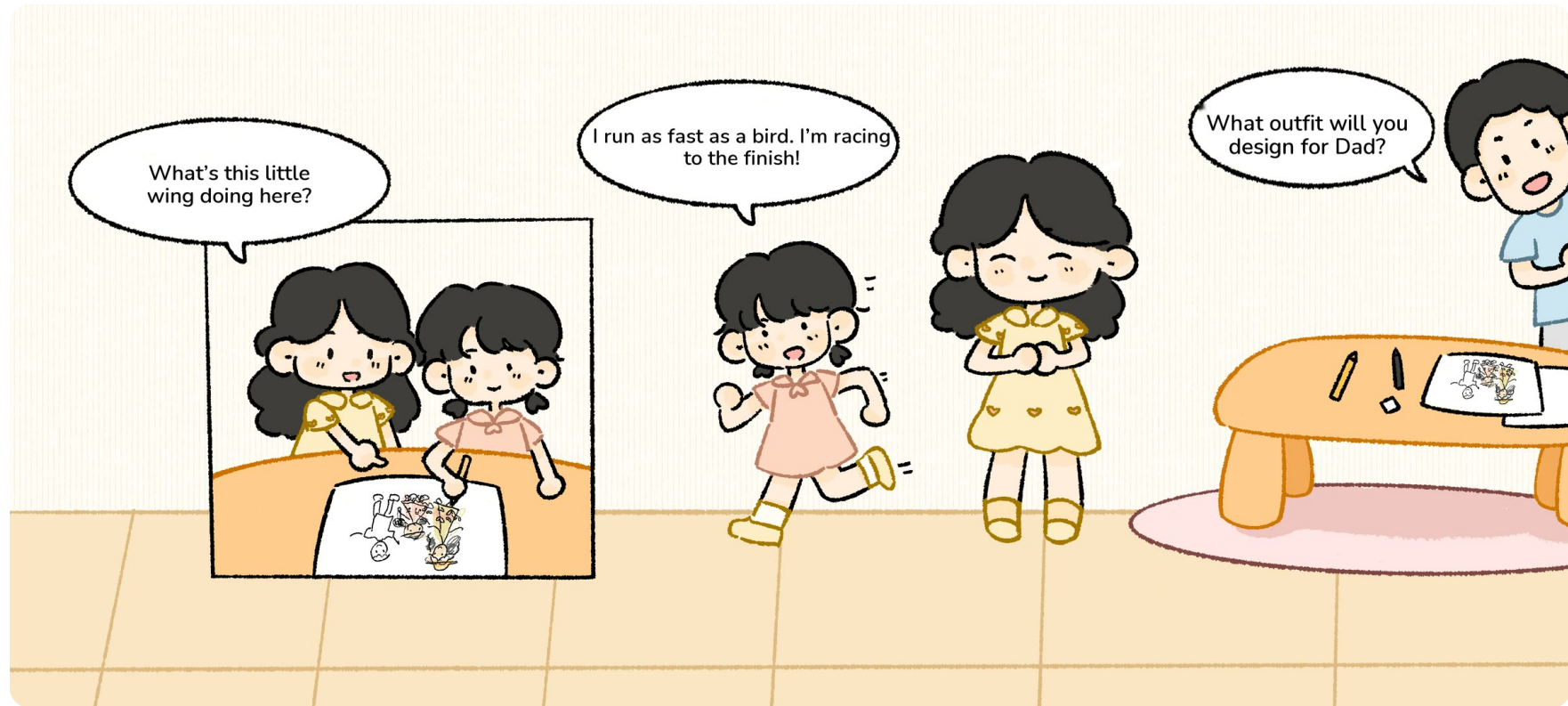
Use something your child likes or does well as inspiration for the picture. As they add more details about themselves, invite them to describe the person in the drawing and the skills the picture shows.

Observations

- Uses the picture to tell you about something they like or do well
- Adds an imagined event to the picture, such as singing on a stage

Tips

- If your child says, "I can sing," ask one question that makes the idea more specific: "Which song do you most like to sing?"
- Your child may sing, strike a pose, or use a pencil as a microphone. Be an attentive audience: "I'm ready to listen!"



Fast as a Bird

Your child may add a funny new feature, such as wings, to their picture. Follow that idea and invite them to describe what makes their character special. Then ask them to invent personal details for the other family members too.

Observations

- Imagines that wings could help them run faster
- Includes Dad's preferences when designing clothes for him, such as sportswear

Tips

- Respond to the action you actually see: "You look as if you really have wings!" or "You're running so fast!"
- A sudden performance is another way to express the idea in the drawing. Enjoy it, then invite your child to bring part of the performance back into the picture.
- Before designing for another family member, ask what that person likes. If your child is unsure, they can interview the person and return with a new idea.