CAPTURE A CLOUD

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:

- Bristol board or poster paper
- Scissors
- Water containers
- Paintbrushes
- Watercolour paint or food colouring
- Mixed media paper
- Cotton balls
- Marker
- Glue

Feel free to be creative and use anything you find around the house. Be sure to ask your parent or guardian for permission first!

STEP 2: GO FOR A WALK OR FIND A COMFY SPOT BY THE WINDOW

Look up! There are many shapes hidden in the clouds. Which shapes do you see? Do the clouds appear to be a mythical creature or your favourite animal?
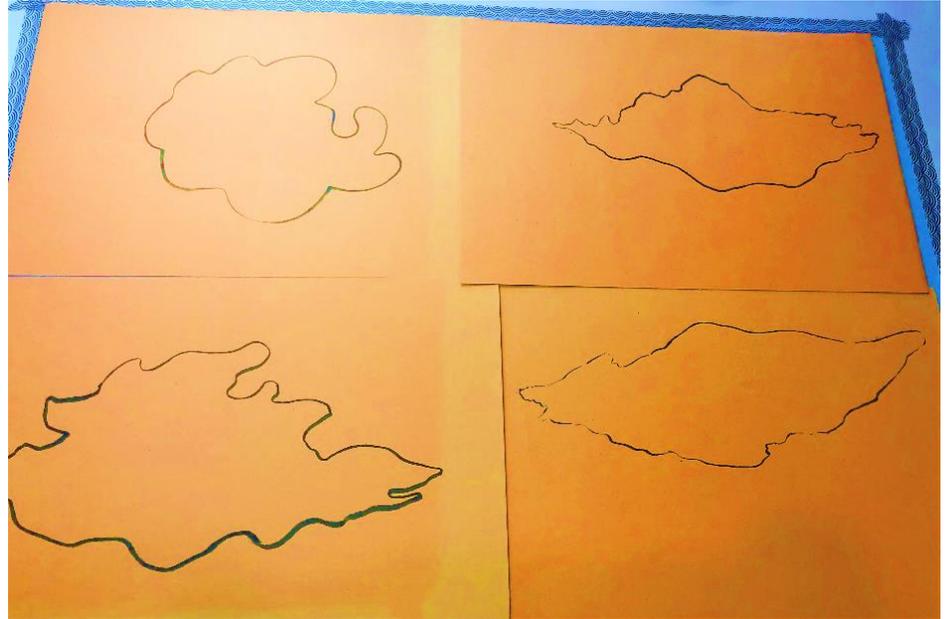
No clouds in the sky? Look through a photo album of a recent vacation or your favourite photos and study the clouds on a special day.

STEP 3: DRAW YOUR CLOUD STENCILS

Draw cloud stencils on your bristol board or poster paper. Once you are happy with all the clouds, ask an adult to help you cut them out. You'll be using these stencils to help you create clouds later.

> TIP: Try drawing clouds of many different sizes. Perhaps consider including a huge cloud or a tiny cloud far in the distance.

STEP 4: PAINT YOUR SKY

Think about what kind of sky you would like to paint. When you've decided, use paint to cover the entire paper.

- You can tape the four sides of your paper to your work surface to keep it from moving while you work.
- Covering the paper with a clean, wet brush can add interesting patterns to your sky.
- Start with using only a little bit of paint first. Less is more with watercolours!
- Dripping colour onto a wet piece of paper will create interesting colour combinations in your sky.

STEP 5: USE YOUR CLOUD STENCILS

Once the paint is completely dry, place your stencils on your painting and outline them with a marker. This will help you add the clouds to your sky.

TIP: Try a couple of different placements before committing to your final composition!

STEP 6: GLUE YOUR COTTON BALLS

Carefully glue your cotton balls down to fill your unique cloud shapes. Continue to add more cotton until all of the clouds are completely covered.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF:
Pretend it is a sunset or a sunrise. How does that change the colour of the sky?

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