

Puzzle the Giraffe

I would like to introduce you to Puzzle! He's a very special giraffe who was born with a colorful pattern where no two of his colors touched each other (except on the tips of his Ossicones, where 'somehow' the tips are the same colors as the stalks)! Now, if you know Puzzle and have created him (or her) before, maybe you could color and pattern him totally differently...I'm sure he would be very happy to try a different outfit on, it's up to you!

I hope that Puzzle brings you lots of joy in these crazy times because he's kind of a crazy giraffe, though a very sweet one! I would love to see your own special Puzzle creations, so if you like, you can send them to me at jcarlson464@outlook.com, and of course, it would be wonderful to know if your Puzzle has his or her own special name too!

Happy Drawing!

Miss Jessica

You can use any type of paper placed vertically for this project, and either a pencil or a marker to draw with.

1. To start, on the lower-ish left side of the paper, draw an upside down ice cream cone for the nose and mouth, then add nostril shapes to the bottom of the cone, they can be any shape you like, circles, hearts, stars, etc., next add a gentle curve on lower right side of ice cream for lower lip.
*Before adding lower lip, you can put something in the giraffe's mouth such as a carrot or a tongue (giraffes have purple-black tongues!), then add lower lip curve 'behind' object, being sure not to draw through it.

2. Float horizontal crescent moons, with inner curve facing down, on either side of the cone tip for eyelids. Add a curvy V underneath each moon for eyeballs, then add a shiny spot shape in each one, can be another crescent moon shape, a cat claw shape, a star, heart, or whatever you'd like. It is very important to color around shiny spots with a dark color (I used black marker), leaving them white so our giraffe has super shiny, glossy eyes. Next add long eyelashes, as giraffes have very long eyelashes!
3. For left side of face, connect bottom of left eyeball to lower side of cone (nose), then connect lower side of right eyeball to ice cream (upper lip), they will be uneven to help head look like it's turned.
4. For top of head, draw a mountain with a curved lower base that starts on the eyelids, directly above the side of face lines below the eyeballs. I like to invisibly draw the mountain with my finger first before to be comfortable with the shape and height.
5. Giraffe 'horns' are actually called Ossicones. To add these, float two shapes of your choice above the middle of the eyes, being sure they are higher than the top of the head,

they can be as high as you like. Then connect shapes to the head by drawing lines that attach to either side of the top of the mountain and just above the curved base of the mountain, just above the eyeballs.

*Ossicone shape ideas: Hearts, Stars, Cupcakes, Sushi, Pizza, Butterflies...or just the traditional Upside Down Broom shape.

6. Add large leaf shaped ears that start at the bottom of the Ossicones and land on the sides of the forehead. Trace inner ear lines. If you feel you made the ears too small, you can just trace the outside of your first line.

Next, create the upper neck line by drawing a slide shape that starts on the right eyeball and flows to the side of the paper. For the lower neck line, start above the lower lip, drawing a curved line to bottom of page, jumping over any object the giraffe is holding in its mouth. Then add 'puzzle' shapes inside the neck in any form you like!

In class to make a fun game of the coloring, and to make the picture even more like a puzzle, we try to not have 2 of the same colors touching each other...it's very tricky! Of course, you can color in you giraffe any way you like using

any medium you like, such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, and even paint, just be sure to use heavier paper if using paint.

I hope you have fun with this project and remember, I'd love to see your Puzzle creations, which you can email to me at jcarlson464@outlook.com.

Again, happy drawing...and stay safe, well, and wonderful!

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