ART LAB AT HOME!
STORYTELLING DICE

Inspired by the many portraits in the ICA's collection, we invite you to create a set of dice that will inspire a range of storytelling possibilities. Use our dice templates or create your own!

This activity was designed for kids and adults, ages 6 and up, but can be modified for younger kids with some adult assistance. Great for groups to work on together.

YOU WILL NEED

- Printouts of dice templates or plain paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons
- Tape
- Ruler/measuring tool if creating your own dice

STEPS

1 / PRINT AND CUT
out our dice templates featuring characters, genres and settings. You can also print 3 copies of our blank dice template or use a pencil and ruler to create your own. Cut along the solid lines of your dice.

2 / CHARACTER DIE
will be your first die. If you are creating your own die, use the ICA’s collection or your imagination to draw 6 characters. Use color pencils, markers, or crayons to draw a different character in each square.

3 / SETTING DIE
will be next. If you are creating your own die, brainstorm 6 settings (where a story takes place) and write one per square on your template using a marker or other writing tool.

4 / GENRE DIE
will be your final die. If you are creating your own die, brainstorm 6 genres (types of story) and write one genre per square on your template using a marker or other writing tool.

5 / FOLD
each template along the dotted lines to form a cube. Use tape to connect each side.

6 / ROLL THE DICE AND TELL A STORY!
With family or friends, take turns rolling the dice and use your imagination to tell a story about the CHARACTER, taking place in the SETTING, and in the style of the GENRE that your dice land on.

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Sanya Kantarovsky, Violet, 2016. Oil on linen, 50 × 40 inches (127 × 101.6 cm). Promised gift of Karen Swett Conway and Brian Conway. Courtesy the artist and Stuart Shave/Modern Art. © Sanya Kantarovsky


Deborah Roberts, Ulysses, 2019. Mixed media and collage on linen, 65 × 45 inches (165.1 × 114.3 cm). Promised gift of Fotene Demoulas and Tom Coté. Courtesy of the artist. © Deborah Roberts

Left: Nick Cave, Soundsuit, 2009. Mixed media, 97 x 26 x 20 inches (246.4 x 66 x 50.8 cm). Gift of Steve Cohn and Dan Megahran. Photo by James Prinz Photography. Courtesy the artist and Jack Shainman Gallery, New York. © Nick Cave
