



Studio Sunday on the Front Steps February 2017 Activity Paper

Make an accordion book and draw or paint your own wordless story inspired by the whimsical worlds created by David Wiesner in his books *Tuesday* and *June 29, 1999*.



David Wiesner, *Tuesday*, pg. 32, 1991. Watercolor on paper. Courtesy of the Artist.

For this project you will need:

- Long strip of watercolor paper, 24" x 5"
- Pencil
- Colored pencils or watercolor paints

Let's begin!

1. Fold your sheet of watercolor paper back and forth to create an accordion style book, with more "pages" the longer you think your story will be.
2. Begin sketching your story across the pages of your book. Use both sides of the paper to create an even longer story.
3. Once your sketches are complete, color in your drawings with colored pencil or, as David Wiesner does, with watercolors.
4. When you have finished coloring your book, refold it so it is ready for reading.

Tips & Tricks

- For his book *Mr. Wuffles!*, David Wiesner followed his cat around using a camera on a stick to see the world as his cat does. Think about how the subject of your story looks to you. How might that object look different to an ant? An elephant?
- David Wiesner plays with perspective in his books and creates worlds within worlds in his app, *Spot*. Try changing the perspective as your story progresses—how does the subject of your story appear different as you look at it closer? Does looking at it from further away put it in a different context? By changing the perspective, what new worlds can you create for your story? You can use a physical object as a model to help visualize these changes.
- David Wiesner also gives characters in his stories unusual abilities or puts them in unusual situations, like the flying pigs pictured above. What different things might a cat discover if it swam in the ocean instead of walking on the ground?
- In some of David Wiesner's books, his illustrations span multiple pages to show a larger view, or have insets of images to show something in more detail. Do these methods work for your story?