

little BIG things

Activity inspired by the remarkable places and BIG objects in the *Landmarks* exhibition.

- Do you know any great landmarks where you live or where you have visited?
- What makes a landmark remarkable or memorable?
- If you were describing a journey to someone, would you give directions that included a landmark?
- What landmarks would you like to see? A giant cockroach in the middle of the city?

Kids in the discovery space over the Winter school holidays made little BIG landmarks from where they lived or had visited, such as Black Mountain tower, Sydney Opera House, Uluru, the big banana, lighthouses, trees and some even made landmarks of places they had visited overseas. A special studio was constructed and the objects were projected to make them BIG and the children were photographed in front of their little BIG landmark. Check out our flickr site to At home you can make your own little model of a landmark. It might be a landmark you would like to see or something that is already there. If you have a computer and a Photoshop program you might be able to do something similar.

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What you will need:

- Paper and coloured pencils
- Modelling material we used Crayola Model Magic (you can mix the colours).
- Matchsticks, paddle pop sticks, wire or other things to support your structure.
- A cardboard or balsa wood base (optional).
- Digital camera and Photoshop (equivalent) program (optional).

What to do:

It's a great idea to draw your landmark with pencils on paper first (you might like to look through some books or the Museum website to get some inspiration).

Once you know what you are doing, build your model using the modelling material and prop it up as needed. Make it only small (about 10cm x 10cm) is a good size.

Photograph your object, preferably with a dark surround and experiment with the light. You might need to set up a lamp shining on it.

Get Mum or Dad or a friend to take a photo of you, perhaps in a weird position.

Using Photoshop, cut out your shape from your photograph and transpose it on your little BIG thing photograph, making it look big and you look small. You might need an adult who knows how to use this program to help you. Does it look like you are standing in front of it? You can experiment with different photographs of yourself interacting with the little BIG thing.

Have fun! We'd love to see your results.

