

The Folding Game

Gaming | Drawing



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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

This quirky, easy to play game is loads of fun, and culminates with a unique surprise that will have all participants looking at it with laughter! No skill in drawing is required, so everyone's creativity can be put on display without judgments, and it presents an opportunity to create a special character with distinctive attributes from each participant of the game.

TIME

- 5–10 minutes per drawing
- Can be longer or shorter depending on drawing speed

MATERIALS

- Drawing/colouring utensils (pencil, crayon, marker, pencil crayon)
- Plain sheets of paper

INSTRUCTIONS

Setup:

1. **Fold each sheet of paper into 3 equal sections** (fold lengthwise/horizontally).
 - If you have 4 or more players, fold into 4 sections instead.
2. **Each player gets their own folded sheet** and a drawing tool.



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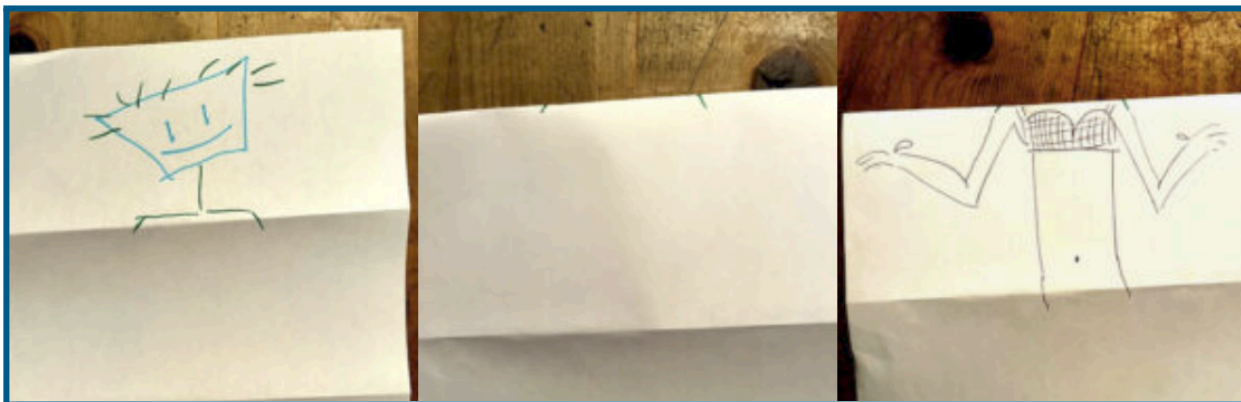
Round 1: Head and Shoulders

1. Draw a **head and shoulders** in the **top section** of the paper.
 - It can be a human, animal, alien, vegetable, robot—anything!
2. **Extend the shoulder lines slightly** into the **next section** to guide the next player.
3. **Fold back the top section** so it's hidden, leaving only the extended lines visible.

Round 2: Midsection

1. Pass your paper to the person on your left.
2. Using just the visible lines, draw the **midsection** (chest, arms, torso).
 - Arms can be in any pose; it's your creation!
3. **Extend hip or upper-leg lines** slightly into the next section.
4. **Fold back the middle section** so that only those lines are visible.

Rounds 1 and 2 should look something like this when completed:



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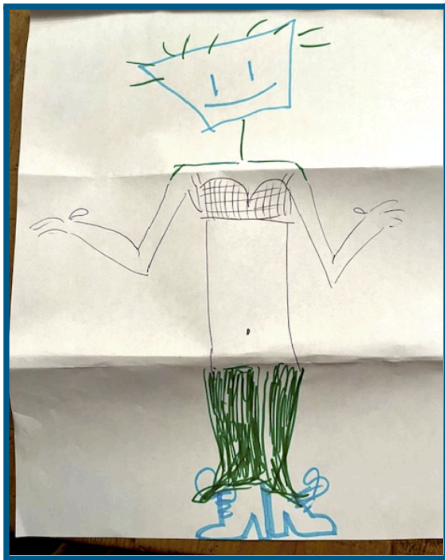
Round 3: Legs and Feet

1. Pass the paper again to the left.
2. Draw the **legs and feet** (or tail, tentacles—whatever you like!).
3. You're done! Do not fold this part.

The Reveal:

1. **Unfold each paper** to reveal your unique, collaborative character.
2. Laugh, admire, and maybe **give them a name!**

The final drawing will be a goofy, unique creation like this:



RESOURCES

- <https://www.janetlansbury.com/2024/07/family-games-your-kids-will-love/>

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SUPPORTS NEEDED

- Individuals with difficulty using a drawing utensil can have someone else draw what they want for them

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- This game is all about **creativity and surprise**—no drawing skill required!
- Great for rainy days, parties, or group activities.
- You can add more folded sections (e.g. 4 parts: head, torso, legs, feet) for extra fun.
- You can also go horizontally, from right to left or left to right (Start with left arm and leg, then head, neck and torso, then right arm and leg)