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Max the Brave Peephole Diorama Craft

Materials:

Construction paper (optional: colors that match the book)

A shoebox

Scissors (an adult can use an X-ACTO knife)

Tape

Glue

Markers or colored pencils

Clear or tracing paper

Household object that resembles a fish bowl (we used a small plastic watercolor dish)

Instructions:

1. Take the bottom (large) part of the shoebox and cover the entire inside with construction paper; secure with tape or glue.
2. Cut a large rectangle in the top/lid of the shoebox; cover with clear or tracing paper; secure with tape on the inside of the lid. This will provide light inside your diorama.
3. Draw and cut out objects from the book (e.g. Max himself, pink ribbon, a fish, a small fly, the mouse, etc.). Trace anything that's difficult to draw.
4. Tape or glue each character or item into the bottom of the shoebox wherever you like! It may be helpful to create a paper kickstand for characters. You can do that by cutting out a triangle of paper and securing the long side of the triangle to the back of the character and gluing or taping the short side of the triangle to the "floor" of the box.
5. Make Max's cape! Cut out a triangle of red paper and fold it accordion style. Tape to Max's back/shoulder.

6. Draw other elements from the book inside the shoebox, like the fly's flight path, Max's shadow, trees, or anything else you'd like to include.
7. Cover any words or logos on the outside front of the shoebox with construction paper.
8. Make a Max the Brave sign for the front of your peephole diorama; secure to front/top of lid.

Voila!