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Princess Collage Feather Beds

A BAREFOOT ACTIVITY FOR KIDS AGES 4 TO 7

Using Sophie Fatus' artwork as inspiration, create your own multi-layered bed based on *The Real Princess*!

MATERIALS

- Construction paper
- Decorative paper (e.g. newspapers, magazines, scrap fabric, etc.)
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Ribbon, glitter or colored markers (optional)

LET'S BEGIN

1. After reading *The Real Princess* aloud, let the children look through the book themselves. Point out the bed that the queen prepares for each of the princesses. Ask them to count the layers and talk about which ones they like the best. Encourage children to note the differences in each of the layers: colors, textures, patterns, etc.

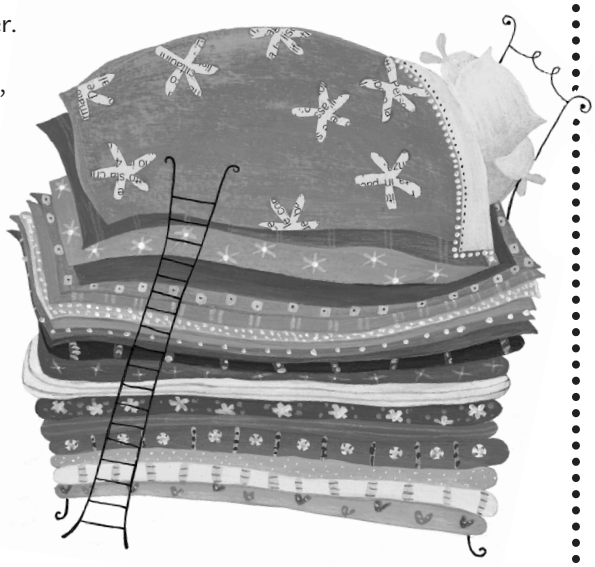
2. Ask the children to choose a piece of full construction paper to use as the background. Have them draw the outline for their bed, and lines to indicate the feather beds. The decorative paper will be cut and glued onto the background paper to create the feather bed layers. Don't forget to have the children draw in a top sheet and pillow for their beds!

3. Have the children collect pieces of paper and ribbon, which will become the feather beds. Using the scissors, help the children cut the paper into strips.

4. Next, the children can begin to glue the strips into place on the background paper.

5. Once the feather bed layers are complete, have the children choose a large rectangular piece of paper to use for the top sheet of the bed and the pillow. They can even create peas to hide in the feather beds!

6. Finally, ask the children to decorate the rest of the background sheet. They can draw in the rest of the bedroom, add princesses and the queen, or create their own story.



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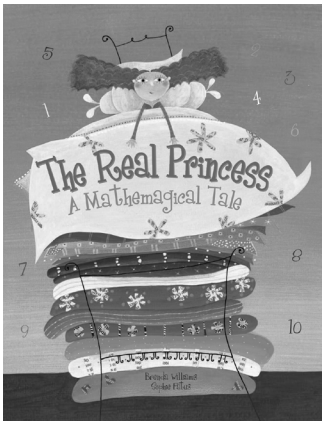

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