



The artwork above is by Mary Murphy and it featured in the Glucksman's [Viewpoints](https://www.viewpoints.ie) exhibition. You can find out more about Mary's wonderful books and illustrations here: <https://www.marymurphy.ie>

CREATIVE EXPLORATION

Look at the image closely and answer the following questions:

Describe what the bears are doing in the picture?

What ways do your family learn together? Can you see the different stages of learning and doing?

The bears in Mary Murphy's illustration are painting together, what are the things you most like doing with your family?

Every family is unique. Ask each member of your family what they think makes your family so special?

ART ACTIVITY

MATERIALS: One large sheet of paper, coloured papers, scissors, paints and glue

Today, we are going to create a family portrait. If your art materials are not fully stocked why not replace the large sheet of paper with a page from an old newspaper; replace the coloured paper with magazine pages, leaflets or advertising mail. If you don't have paint, perhaps you have food colouring you can dilute with water?

Activity 1: A unique portrait

This activity invites all the family to contribute to a collaborative portrait – a picture you can all make together!

Just like in Mary Murphy's illustration, we'll be using our own unique marks, our finger prints. Make up some different colours of paint and use your thumb to add prints to the large sheet of paper. Invite all the people in your house to have a go. Everyone's mark is unique and it will make for a colourful picture.

Activity 2: Handy cut-outs

Next up we want to add our paws (hands!!). Place your hand on a coloured piece of paper or magazine. Draw around your hand with a pencil or marker. You can then cut this out with your scissors. Again, everyone in the family can add their hand cut-out.

Stick the hand cut-outs to your large finger print portrait with glue. You may wish to layer the hands on top of each other from largest to smallest or scatter them across the picture. Add small drawings or doodles to complete your family portrait!

We would love to see what artworks you create. Ask your parents or guardian to share them with us on the Glucksman's and through their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and we will post them to our online galleries on our website.

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