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## Mary Blair Colorful Castles



One of the most iconic Disney designs at Disneyland and Disney World is the "It's A Small World" ride. Thanks to Mary Blair, who created the design for the beloved ride, we are transported to a vibrant and colorful world. Blair was one of the first recognized women artists at Disney, being a top animator for many years. She created colorful concept art for films like Cinderella, Peter Pan, and Alice in Wonderland. Join us as we recreate Mary Blair's "It's a Small World" castle in her signature colorful style by using construction paper, foam shapes, and buttons.

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### Gather materials:

- Cardstock
- Construction Paper
- Scissors
- Foam Shapes
- Glue
- Colorful Buttons

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Fold a piece of construction paper a fourth of the way down to create a straight rectangle.



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Use scissors to cut along the creased edge.

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Use a different colored construction paper and fold the edge over again, this time in a different size. These different-sized rectangles will help to make the base of the castle building.

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Continue folding and cutting different colored construction paper in different sizes until you have enough pieces to reach across the paper.

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Cut the rectangle pieces into different heights. Some can be very tall building structures, and some can be short.



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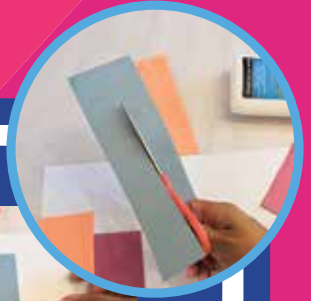


Add glue to each piece and place them down on the cardstock paper.

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Continue to work your way across the page adding the varied rectangle pieces. If a piece is too wide, you can cut the strips in half as well.



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Once you have filled the page all the way across with rectangles, you can use the scraps of cut paper to make triangles for the tops of the castle buildings.

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Now, use foam pieces or buttons to add details like windows and decorations. First, move the pieces around until you find a place you like for them. Then, glue them down.



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Work your way down and add more foam shapes and buttons. Try making fun patterns with the shapes!

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Use rectangle pieces to make doors on the castle building by placing different-sized rectangles on the base of the original rectangle pieces.

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Add any last little details to the windows or rooftops. You can layer up the foam pieces by gluing smaller foam shapes on top of larger ones. The more detail and colors the better!

