

Classroom Activity Guide and Poster

Extension Activity—Visual Arts
Make Your Own Squirrel-ish Tails

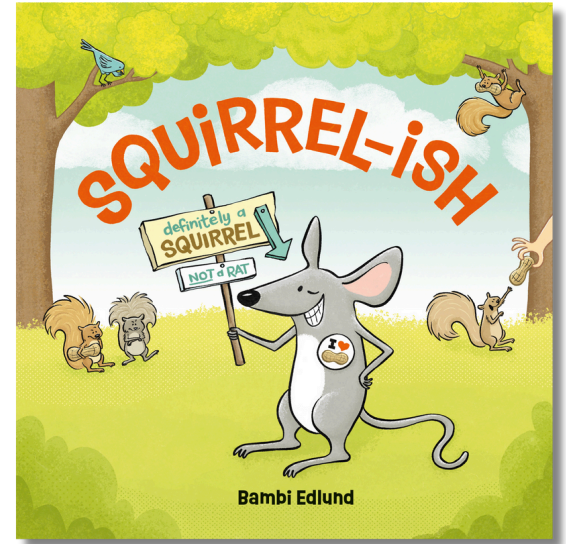


Squirrel-ish

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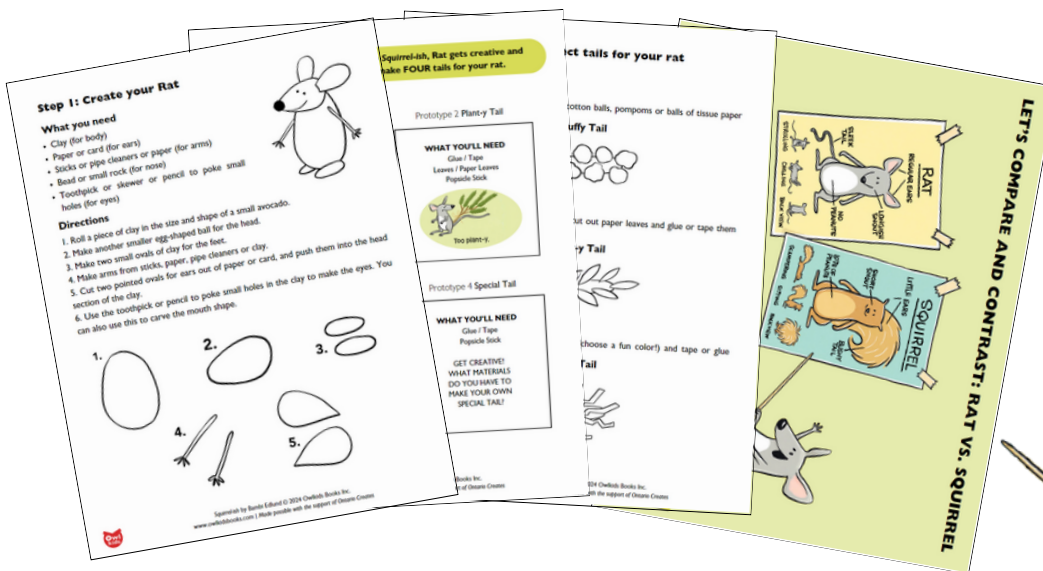
New from the author-illustrator of the bestselling picture book *How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich in 17 Easy Steps*

An enterprising rat discovers the joy of being true to himself in this laugh-out-loud ode to self-love.



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Ages 4 to 7; Grade: 1+



CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS
Text Forms: Comedic Text
Character Education: Respect; Fairness
Visual Arts: Crafts
Themes: Identity; Belonging

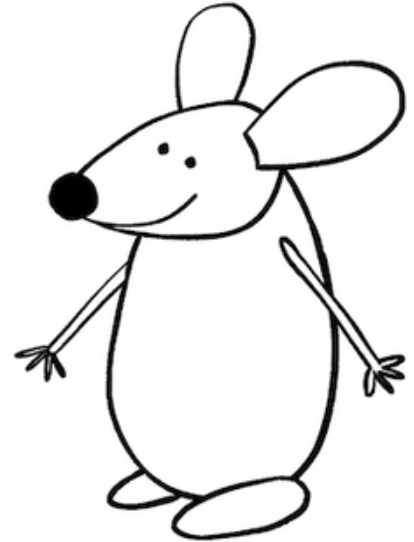
READING LEVELS
Reading Recovery: 16
Fountas & Pinnell: H
Lexile® Measure: AD420L
Common Core: RL.1, W.1, SL. 1, L.1



Step 1: Create your Rat

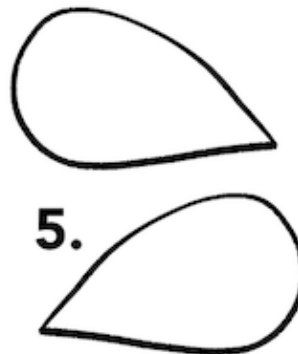
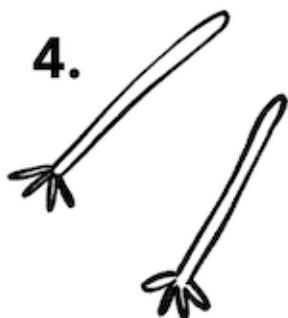
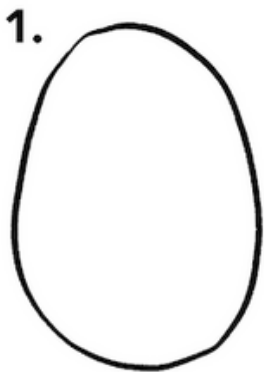
What you need

- Clay (for body)
- Paper or card (for ears)
- Sticks or pipe cleaners or paper (for arms)
- Bead or small rock (for nose)
- Toothpick or skewer or pencil to poke small holes (for eyes)



Directions

1. Roll a piece of clay in the size and shape of a small avocado.
2. Make another smaller egg-shaped ball for the head.
3. Make two small ovals of clay for the feet.
4. Make arms from sticks, paper, pipe cleaners or clay.
5. Cut two pointed ovals for ears out of paper or card, and push them into the head section of the clay.
6. Use the toothpick or pencil to poke small holes in the clay to make the eyes. You can also use this to carve the mouth shape.



Your rat needs a squirrel-ish tail. In *Squirrel-ish*, Rat gets creative and crafts SIX different tails! Let's make FOUR tails for your rat.

Prototype 1 Puffy Tail

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Glue / Tape
Cotton Balls / Pompoms / Tissue Paper
Popsicle Stick



Prototype 2 Plant-y Tail

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

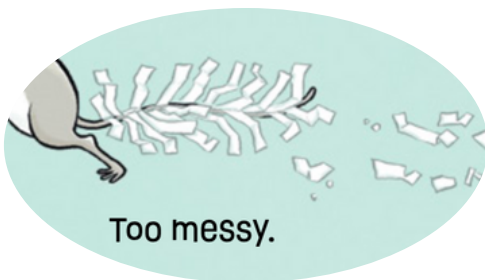
Glue / Tape
Leaves / Paper Leaves
Popsicle Stick



Prototype 3 Messy Tail

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Glue / Tape
Paper Strips (any color!)
Popsicle Stick



Prototype 4 Special Tail

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Glue / Tape
Popsicle Stick

GET CREATIVE!
WHAT MATERIALS
DO YOU HAVE TO
MAKE YOUR OWN
SPECIAL TAIL?

Step 2: Make the perfect tails for your rat

Directions

Prototype 1. **Puffy tail:** Glue or tape cotton balls, pompoms or balls of tissue paper to a popsicle stick.

Puffy Tail



Prototype 2. **Plant-y tail:** Find leaves or cut out paper leaves and glue or tape them to a popsicle stick

Plant-y Tail

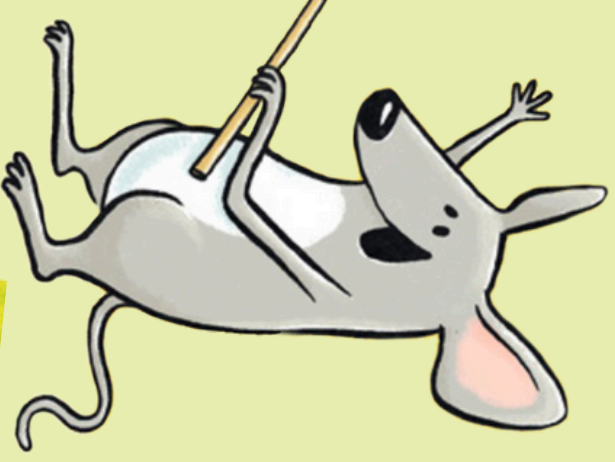
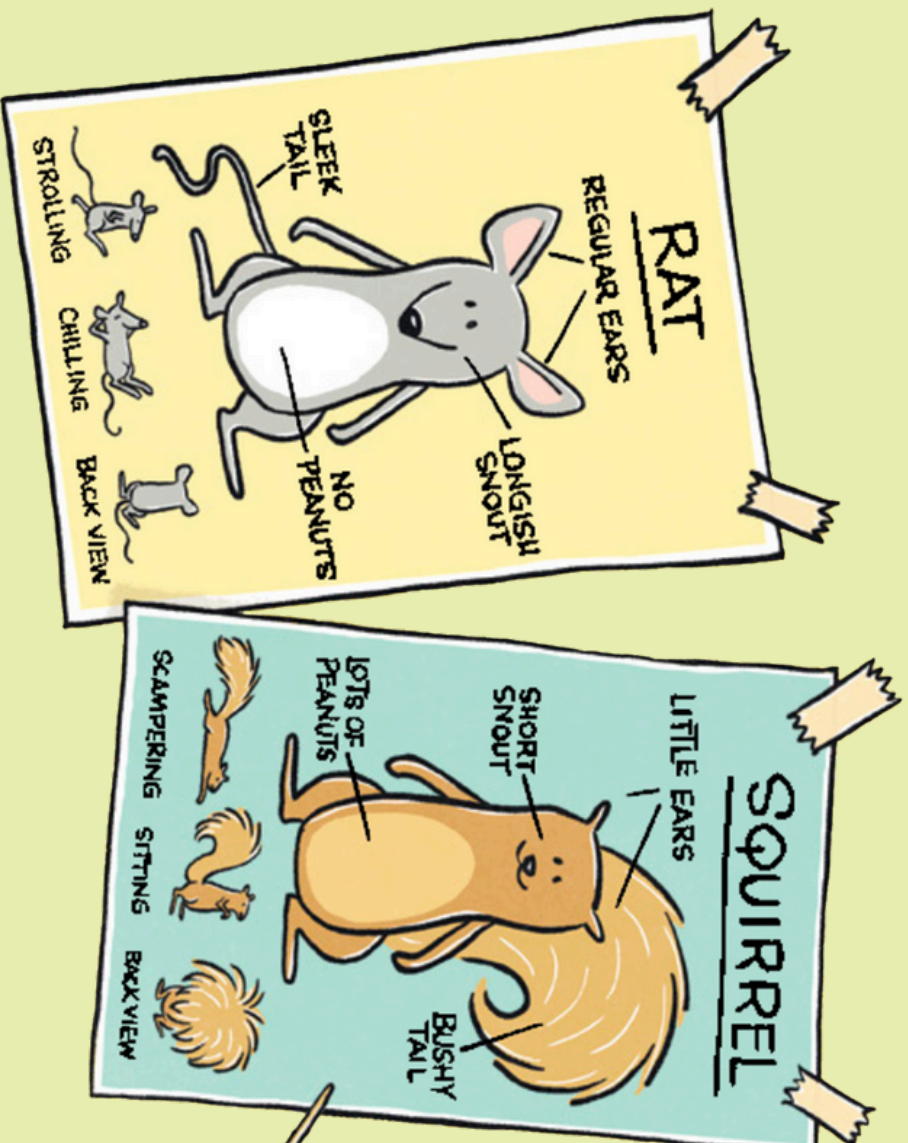


Prototype 3. **Messy tail:** Cut paper strips (choose a fun color!) and tape or glue them to a popsicle stick

Messy Tail



LET'S COMPARE AND CONTRAST: RAT VS. SQUIRREL



WHICH ONE WOULD YOU FEED PEANUTS?

