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Kindergarten / 1st Grade / 2nd Grade

Drawing the Nutcracker

Nutcrackers have the following characteristics:

- Crown or hat
- Hair-Either black, white or other
- Beard-Either black, white or other. Beard matches hair.
- Moustache (or not)-always black!
- Belted uniform with epaulets (shoulder decorations)
- Boots-Tall or short
- Nutcrackers are made of wood-peach colored crayon or brown coloring with light pressure

Modifications for a female nutcracker could be omitting the moustache, beard, longer hair and adding a skirt.

- Draw all parts of Nutcracker with pencil, then redraw with black sharpie, black marker or black crayon (if you don't have a marker). I will model very simple facial features & a simple crown. Please refer to the additional "Design Your Own Nutcracker" idea sheet for more advanced facial features & alternate crown ideas as well as the "Nutcracker Examples" sheet for decoration and color ideas..

Pause the video when redrawing the lines of the Nutcracker with a black marker.

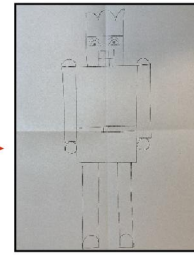
- Color in all the areas you want black. **Pause the video when coloring in these areas with black.** The boots may be colored with black crayon so the dark outlines of the toes of the boot can be seen. If marker is used, the outline of the toe will disappear. The boots do not have to be black.

- Color wood (face & hands) with a peach crayon or brown crayon pressing very lightly to represent the wood. You can color over marker lines. **DON'T COLOR EYES AND TEETH** so they remain white.

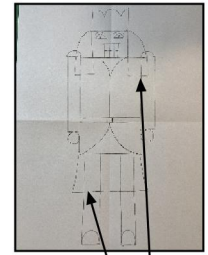
- Color in the rest of the Nutcracker. The Nutcracker will have most "contrast" from the background if it is colored primarily with markers. Crayons can provide a lighter "value" than markers and may have more variety in color choices.

Pause the video when coloring the Nutcracker.

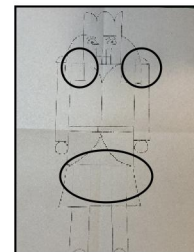
Girl Nutcracker modifications



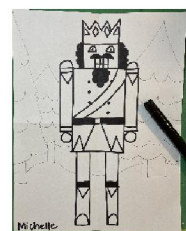
Nutcracker



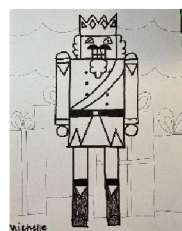
Nutcracker + long hair + long skirt



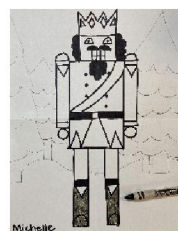
Erase overlap in hair and skirt



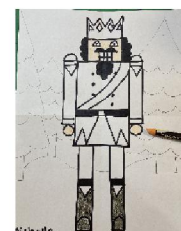
Color with black marker
Black hair & beard



Color with black marker
White hair & beard



Black boots with black crayon



Peach crayon for "wood" face and hands

Finishing the background

- **Simple background:** Add a horizontal "ground line" and color below the line with crayon. Color over name. See girl Nutcracker example.
- **Complex background:** Follow the video for a guided drawing of snow, trees with overlap to create "space".
 - Outline trees with green marker. For snow: Create a new curvy line above each curve with crayon. Fill in above that line with crayon. There are three greens to choose from. Use two darker greens for larger trees and light green for smaller tree.
 - Outline tree trunks with brown marker. Color in with brown crayon.
 - Outline snow with light blue marker. Leave snow area uncolored.
 - Use either light or dark blue to color lightly in the sky area above the snow line.

