

## Family Art from Home

# Create a Soundsuit Inspired by the Artwork of Nick Cave

Nick Cave is an artist, fashion designer, and dancer known for his unique fabric sculptures called Soundsuits (currently on view in the Museum's exhibition *30 Americans*). Soundsuits are wearable costumes made for dance performances from a variety of found or second-hand materials. Cave and other dancers wear them, transforming them into blurs of color and sound. The Soundsuits also hide the dancer's body, which forces people to look at the dancer without judging him or her by gender, skin color, or anything else.

Use the Soundsuit template in this packet to create your own design inspired by Nick Cave's work. You can color the suit with designs that make you think of movement. Use the glue stick to attach beads, foil, cut paper, or other items in a way that will make noise when you move your Soundsuit.



You can learn more about Nick Cave and see his *Soundsuits* in action here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwupTQt9zxY>

### Supplies Needed:

- Soundsuit template printed on 8.5x11 paper or cardstock
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Craft stick
- Glue stick or tape
- Scissors

### How to Do It

1. Color in your Soundsuit template. Think about what colors and shapes make you think of movement, and use those in your design.
2. Cut out your Soundsuit.
3. Use the glue stick or tape to attach the craft stick to the back of your Soundsuit.
4. Attach pieces of foil, cut paper, beads, or other found materials to your Soundsuit. Think about how you can cut and/or manipulate these materials so that they will make noise when you move your Soundsuit.
5. Hold the craft stick and move your Soundsuit as if it is dancing. How does it look? What kind of different sounds does it make?



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