

Table buddies

AGE RANGE 5–11

SUMMARY

A popular creative activity that can be played as a card game.

Misfits

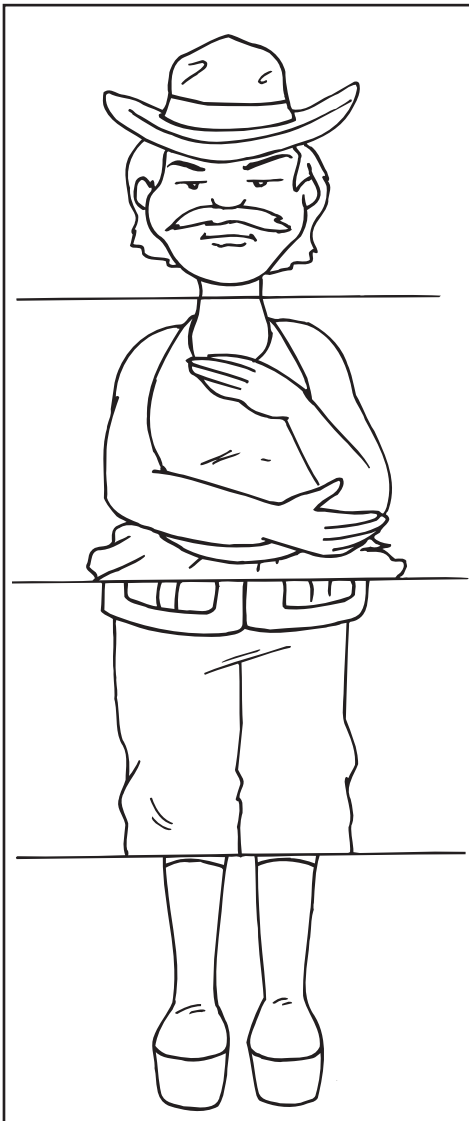
What you need

Copies of the 'Misfits' photocopiable sheet on page 42 copied onto card (enough for one per child or one between two); colouring pencils; scissors.

What to do

- Give each child the 'Misfits' photocopiable sheet and ask them to colour the characters. If they are sharing they should colour two characters each. Encourage the children to colour in the clothes with different patterns.
- Next, ask them to cut along the dotted lines so that the characters are in pieces – hats and heads, bodies, legs and feet.
- The children can experiment by putting different body part cards together to make 'misfits'. By swapping different cards with friends they will be able to make the most of

the different colours and patterns that they have used.



- For the Misfits game the children should work in small groups. All the cards should be muddled together and then laid face down individually on the table.

- The object of the game is to complete a misfit, working from the feet up or the head down.
- Each child takes a turn to pick a card. If it is a hat and head or feet they can keep it, if not they have to try again next time. On future turns, if they turn over another hat and head or feet before completing a character they can start another misfit and collect more than one misfit at a time.
- The game continues until all the cards have been collected. The child with the most completed misfits wins.

Ground rules

- Children should each take turns to select a card. They do not have an extra turn if they select a body part that they can keep.
- Children playing the Misfits game must start with a hat and head or pair of feet. Subsequent cards must complete the body from the hat down, or the feet upwards. For example, if Millie selects a pair of feet and then turns over a body, she cannot keep this because she needs a pair of legs first.

Differentiation

Children of all ages and abilities should find this easy, and even the cutting is in straight lines so only the youngest will need help with this.

Misfits

● Cut out these misfits. Colour them in and use them in your games.

