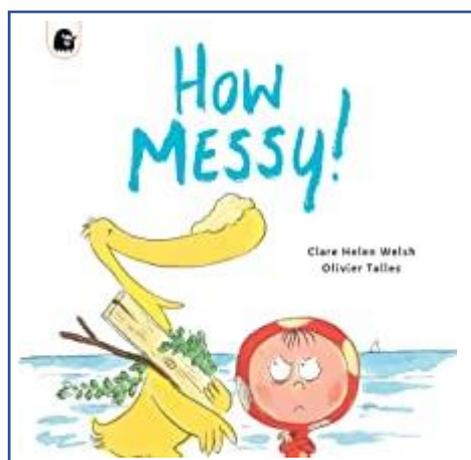


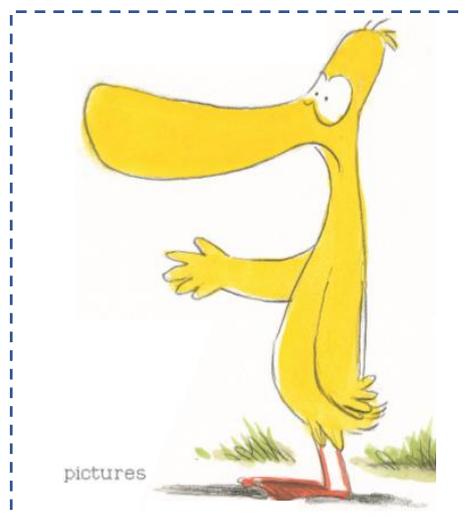
PICTURE BOOK RESOURCES- *HOW MESSY!*



Conversation starters:

- *Would you describe yourself as messy or tidy most of the time?*
- *Think of a friend. How are you the same and how are you different from one another?*
- *Do you think different can be a good thing? When, how and why?*

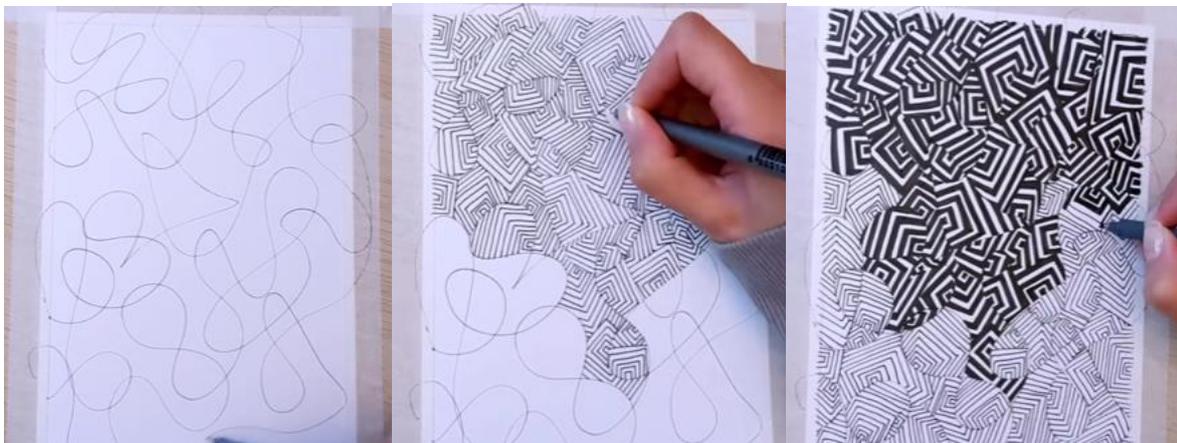
Sand Play Characters – Draw your own Dot and Duck characters. Attach them to sticks and use them to recreate the story *How Messy!* at the beach or in a sand tray.



Sand Sculptures! – In the story *How Messy!* Dot and Duck build sand sculptures at the beach. Send us photos of your sand sculptures. You could build something at the beach or in a tray of sand. What materials will you use? Search for treasures to decorate your creation with!



Zentangles: Close your eyes and scribble on a piece of paper. When you open your eyes, see if you can turn your doodle into something interesting! You might even like to try a create a zentangle, which promotes creativity and mindfulness. There is no right or wrong way to make a zentangle. They are free flowing but often feature large patterns filled with smaller patterns and shapes. These doodles are by a French artist called Shannon. You can see more of Shannon’s art on Instagram - [@doodillusion](#)





Performance Poetry: Reading and performing poems can be really fun to do aloud. Try acting out this poem by Shel Silverstein called *Messy Room*! You might want to have your own go at writing a messy room poem. You could use alliteration and rhyme to give the poem an energy: *a broken box of books, pants on the pillow, bogeys under the bed, hair over there and everywhere!*

Messy Room by Shel Silverstein

Whoever room this is should be ashamed!
His underwear is hanging on the lamp.
His raincoat is there in the overstuffed chair,
And the chair is becoming quite mucky and damp.
His workbook is wedged in the window,
His sweater's been thrown on the floor.
His scarf and one ski are beneath the TV,
And his pants have been carelessly hung on the door.
His books are all jammed in the closet,
His vest has been left in the hall.
A lizard named Ed is asleep in his bed,
And his smelly old sock has been stuck to the wall.
Whoever room this is should be ashamed!
Donald or Robert or Willie or--
Huh? You say it's mine? Oh, dear,
I knew it looked familiar!

Is it Mess or is it Art? Dot thinks Duck is making a mess, but Duck thinks he is creating a masterpiece! Collect some outdoor treasures and use some air-drying clay to turn mess into art! Here are some design ideas:



3D Wave! At the end of the story a very big wave comes along and washes away Dot and Duck's sculpture. Playing in water can be fun! Can you make your own 3D waves? You could add some characters too. This wave was created by teacher Adele Darlington and the children in her class. Thank you for such a fantastic idea! You could even add some descriptions, some poetry or a collaborative story to your 'waves.'

