

MONTY the Maestro & his Marvelous Magical Orchestra

Conduct with Monty

What you need for this activity

- Monty the Maestro picture book
- A pencil (doesn't have to be sharp!)
- Something to rest your book against or use a cookery book/music stand if you have one available

Let's get started!

1. Put your Monty the Maestro picture book on the stand or carefully against something, so it doesn't fall over and you are able to see the book clearly.
2. Open the book double spread so that you can see pages 20-21 at the same time.
3. Pick up your pencil holding it by the tip (between your 2nd and 3rd fingers)
You will be using the pencil as a make believe baton for this activity.
- 4 Now recite the rhyme to conduct with Monty...

"There's a magical secret for counting in four - so imagine you're drawing a line to the floor"
By holding the pencil straight out in front of you in line with your nose, draw your line down to the floor by following the sunflower - but stop just in time to say hello to your belly button!

"Now sweep to your left just before you arrive..."

With your 2nd and 3rd fingers still holding the tip, follow Monty's sweep and go from your belly button up and across to the left so you're in line with your right shoulder.

"Then across to your right and curve up to the sky!"

Now sweep across until you're in line with your right shoulder (drawing a smiley face in the air along the way) and then curve up to the sky ending with the pencil in line with your forehead.

5. Now try all these steps together, repeat over again and before you know it - you'll be conducting just like Monty the Maestro!