

**Go Away, BIG GREEN MONSTER** Author: Ed Emberly

**At home activities:**

- Creating your own BIG Green Monster with the pieces on the following page: This activity supports early literacy skills, the blending of literacy and art skills, fine motor, allows for color identification, along with teaching eyes, ears, teeth, etc.
  - There is a set of two monsters so both you and your child can make one.
  - Use whatever you can find for your background if you don't have any green construction paper. You can color a white sheet of paper green and have your child help you.
  - Let the child use their imagination about where the pieces should go on their monster. Name and reinforce colors and words as your child places them on their monster. ie. Two yellow eyes, sharp white teeth, etc.



- Pumpkin Coloring: This activity encourages sensory stimulation using paints, glue, and/or pens. All three of these art forms assist in building fine motor and writing skills along with eye and hand coordination.
- Use a pumpkin to paint, pens, or glue on pieces to make your own Monster pumpkin. Help your child to talk about sensory things-smell, touch, etc. Use pipe cleaners for the hair for more sensory if you want.

- Playdough Fun: Playdough helps with development of both fine and gross motor skills, It strengthens eye-hand coordination, and it's calming and fun!
  - Use homemade or store bought green playdough to make your own monster.
  - Use Mr. Potato Head parts to fill in the face and or body if you want to expand the Monster!



(with potato head pieces)



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