Maxine's Maker Challenge with Author Ruth Spiro

Based on the Book Made by Maxine





In our **Maker Challenge** we will look at a problem and figure out a way to solve it, just like Maxine does in the book. (Hint: There are a gazillion ways! Well, maybe not a gazillion...)

Good News: You don't need anything special for this challenge, just a few things you may already have on hand:

- A bowl or plastic container, any size
- Something small and lightweight such as a cotton ball, a few Cheerios, a random puzzle piece, or even a crumpled bit of paper
- Art & craft supplies such as tape, scissors, crayons, ruler, rubber bands, yarn, craft/popsicle sticks... whatever you have, gather it!
- Clean stuff from the recycling bin: oatmeal cannister, toilet paper tubes, egg cartons, yogurt cups, newspaper... anything goes!



Here's Maxine's Maker Challenge:

- 1. Print the picture of Milton, cut it out and tape it to the bowl.
- 2. Place Milton and his fishbowl on a table or the floor.
- 3. Using a cotton ball, paper clip or crumpled bit of paper as "fish food," your challenge is to get the food into Milton's bowl from a distance of 3-5 feet WITHOUT WALKING TO THE BOWL AND DROPPING IT IN. (You cannot just toss it in either!)
- 4. Using the items you gathered from the recycling bin, art supplies, or other items on hand, build or create a Fish Feeder for Milton. How will you get the fish food into the bowl?

Hurry, Milton is hungry!