



# Cloud Characters

## #250

### AGE GROUP



3-5 years



6-12 years



Multiage

### HOW DO I SET UP & PLAY?

*Curiosity Spark - If you had a cloud of your own what would it look like?*

- On a table add cotton balls and all other materials.
- Show children how to use fingers to stretch and pull cotton balls apart.
- Encourage children to use more cotton balls to make their own cloud critter - let them decide on the shape and size of their creation.
- Children can glue their cotton balls together to form their cloud character (don't forget to add eyes!) - if you give each child a square of baking paper to use while glueing they will be able to peel their character off the paper when dry (and no messy table!)
- Ask children what they will name their cloud character, then take outside to see if there are any clouds in the sky that look similar.

### EXTENDING LEARNING SPARKS

- Introduce other open-ended collage materials for children to experiment with - does their cloud need a shelter? Food? A friend?
- Do real clouds have names?
- Can you count how many cotton balls we have left?
- How can we divide the cotton balls so everyone gets some?
- How can we make a cotton ball long instead of round?
- Set up a weighing station with heavy and light objects. What object is heavier than the cotton balls?

### WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

- Cotton wool
- PVA glue
- Googly craft eyes
- Greaseproof paper/baking paper roll
- Scraps of wool & open-ended materials from the recycle/collage bin (optional)



Exploring & using my senses



Building My Language & Literacy Skills



Challenging my fine motor muscles