

# THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING



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(The condensed version)

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This is a regular girl and her best friend in the whole wide world.  
They do all kinds of things together. They \_\_\_\_\_. They eat. They \_\_\_\_\_. They \_\_\_\_\_.

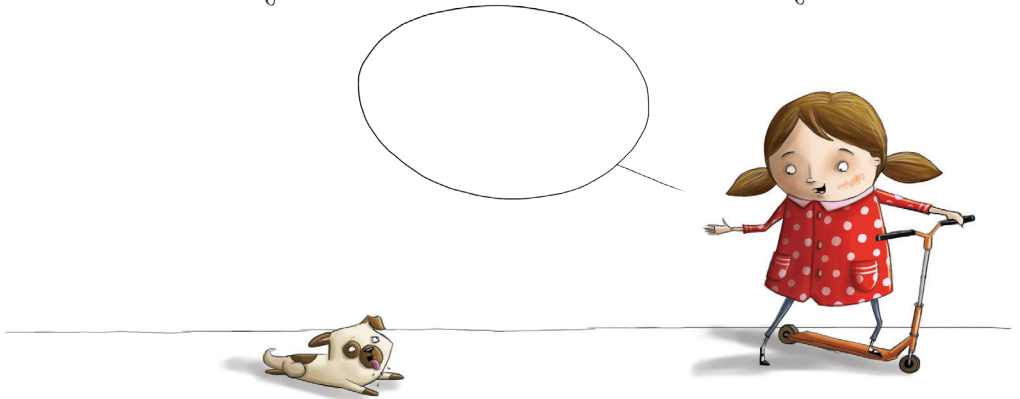




She makes things.



He unmakes things.



One day, the girl has a wonderful idea. She is going to make the most **MAGNIFICENT** thing!





She knows just how it will look.



She knows just how it will work.



All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!  
First, she hires an assistant.



Next, they gather their supplies.  
They set up somewhere out of the way and get to work.





The girl tinkers and hammers and \_\_\_\_\_ ...



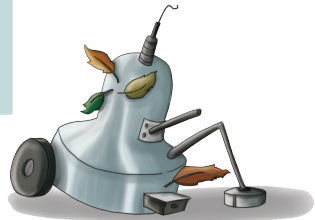
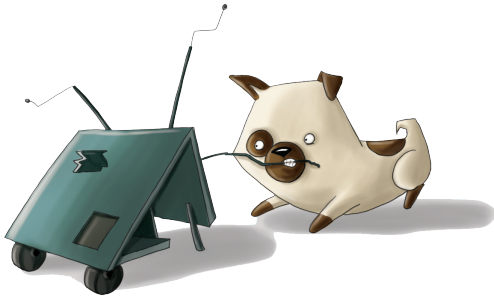
... while her assistant pounces  
and growls and \_\_\_\_\_

When she is finished, she steps back to admire her work.  
She walks around one side. Her assistant examines the other side ...  
It doesn't look right. Her assistant picks it up and gives it a shake. It doesn't feel right, either.



They are shocked to discover that the thing isn't magnificent.  
Or good. It isn't even kind-of-sort-of okay. It is all WRONG.  
The girl tosses it aside and gives it another go.

She tries all different ways to make it better.  
But none of them are **MAGNIFICENT**.





Her assistant suggests a walk.





As they stroll along, she comes across  
the first wrong thing she made. The bad  
feelings are about to start all over again.  
Then she notices something surprising.





There are some parts of the **WRONG** things that are  
really quite **RIGHT**. The bolts on one, the shape of  
another, the wheel-to-seat ratio of the next.  
There are all sorts of parts that she likes!




By the time she reaches the end of the trail, she finally knows how to make the thing **MAGNIFICENT**. She gets to work. She works carefully and slowly, tinkering, hammering, \_\_\_\_\_, fiddling, gluing, \_\_\_\_\_ ...

Her assistant makes sure there are no distractions.

The afternoon fades into evening.  
Finally, she finishes.  
She alerts her \_\_\_\_\_





The pair take a good, long look.  
It leans a little to the left, and it's a bit heavier  
than expected. The color could use a bit of work, too.  
But it's just what she wanted!

They climb aboard and take it for a spin.  
They are not disappointed.  
It really is **THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING.**

Dear Fellow Maker,

Usually we are told *not* to make changes to books: Don't fold down the corners! Don't write on the pages! But not this time. I want you to "hack" this condensed version of my new book, *The Most Magnificent Thing*, and make your very own magnificent thing.

IDEAS:

- Fill in the blanks, follow the lead of the arrows and add color, dialogue or your own designs.
- Fasten feathers, popsicle sticks and googly eyes to your creation.
- Use scissors or a hole punch to alter pages.
- Tap into your inner engineer, designer, architect or writer.
- Have fun!

For inspiration, visit [www.KidsCanPress.com/MakeSomething](http://www.KidsCanPress.com/MakeSomething) to see a video of me hacking my book. Go ahead, MAKE SOMETHING MAGNIFICENT.

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P.S. Remember: if you get discouraged, take a walk around the block and try again!

I made a purse!

