Design your Superhero

Superheroes all have their catchy names and flashy costumes. They take them very seriously and they should. These names and costumes not only keep them anonymous, but make them memorable so people will know who to call when they need help. Now we are going to design our own.
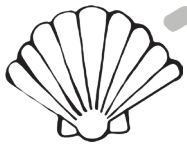
Create your Superhero Symbol

1. **Download** the page of Famous Superhero Symbols. Study them and start to recognize what sorts of names and symbols you like. Circle them.

2. **Consider the images** that go with your Superpower. How would you distill the power into a common picture? Is it a letter? Is it a shape? Does it have a particular color?

3. **Consider the different words** that go with your Superpower. What animals come to mind? What colors, tones, emotions, qualities? Discuss this with a parent or friend and see what ideas come to the surface.

4. **Start designing.** Make several drawings. Share some rough drafts with your family and friends and get their opinions.

5. **Post it.** When you have a name and symbol that you like, write it down, draw the symbol, and post it on your wall.

Create Your Costume

1. **Study** as many superheroes as you can. Look at their costumes, their colors. Notice their power objects (bracelets, belt, ring, staff, tools).

2. **Consider** all the aspects of your Superhero persona. What is your name? What colors best represent your superhero? What does your costume look like? Do you have power objects? What are all the ways your Superpower can be expressed? Make lists and doodles.

3. **Choose one**: One will seem better than the rest. Choose your favorite images and ideas. Design it with the goal of actually building it.

4. **Now build it**: Ask for help with materials and techniques. Consider various materials like baking clay, plaster gauze, paper mache, cloth, etc.

5. If you like, have your parents **share** an image of the final product to instagram and tag us @sparkle_stories #howtobesuper
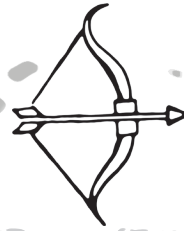
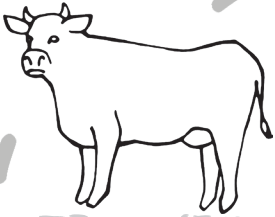# Symbol Chart

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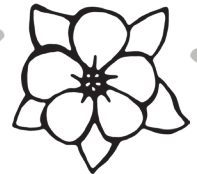Sun

Shield and Sword

Bow and Arrows

Owl

Cow

Hammer and Anvil

Silver and Gold Coins

Grapes

Blossom

Lit Candle

Ocean Waves

Lightning Bolt

Wings

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