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# Krabber the Dino and a Peculiar Pasta Mystery

**GIANT Storybook**  
In Collaboration with Max









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A storybook written by The GIANT Room  
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We invited Max and his family to participate in GIANT Creative Bootcamp, a program designed to boost creativity, ideation, and design thinking skills! For one week, we sent Max daily videos with a creative challenge, prompting him to build and make with materials he already had at home.

Max submitted photos of these projects to us, and we mixed and remixed them to create this storybook. The characters, inventions, settings, and foods that Max created appear throughout the story, forming a unique narrative based on his submissions.

GIANT CREATIVE  
BOT CAMP



On a beautiful summer day, a boy named Max was doodling in his notebook. He sketched a storybook character!



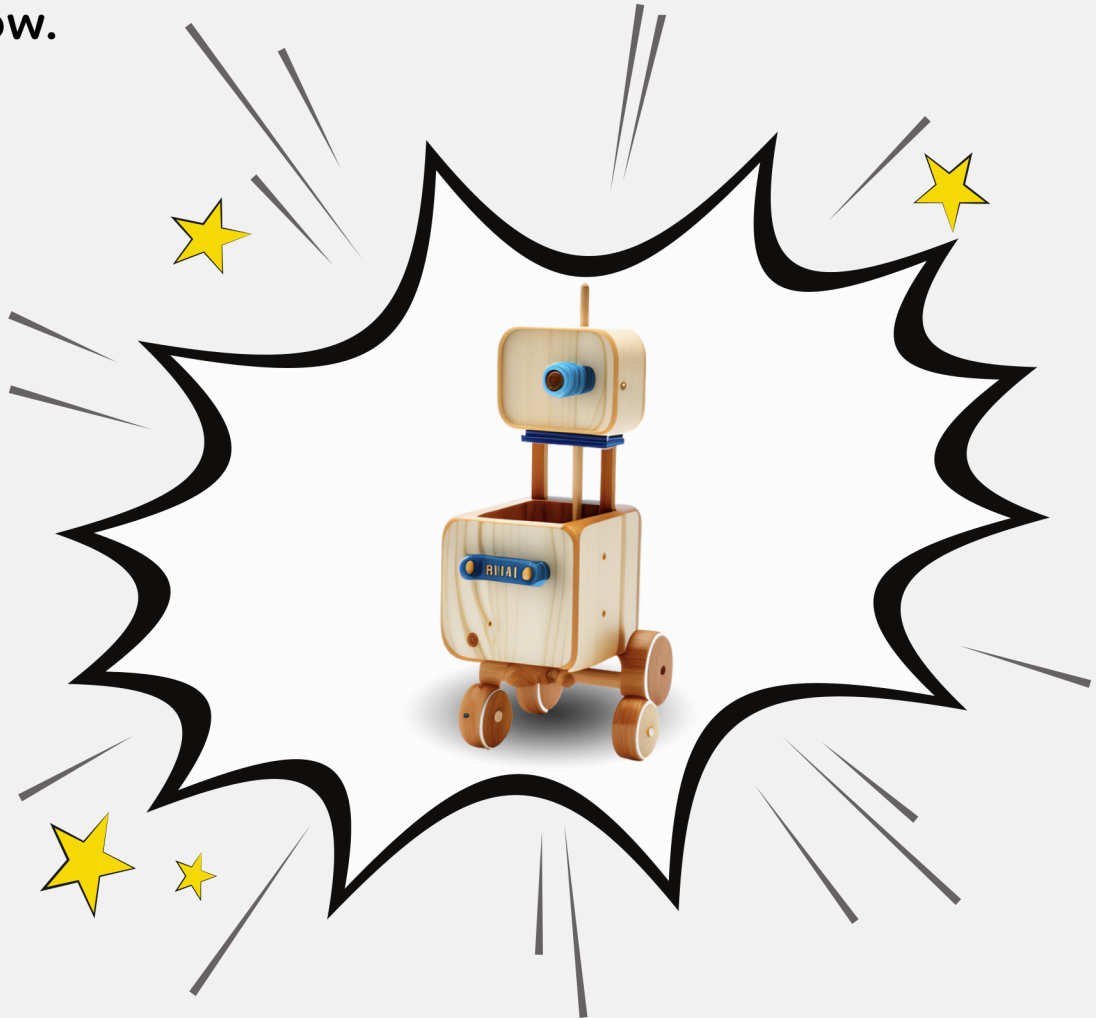


I'll name him...Smoodle aka Spino aka Krabber! He is a super cool and happy dinosaur that looks like a T. Rex mixed with a Spinosaurus. He loves to eat swim goggles and fruit, has green hair, is a super fast walker, and plays hockey!



Smoodle!

Finishing the sketch, Max left his notebook on the table and went to have a snack. As soon as he left the room, Captain Bot, a high-tech artificial intelligence robot, zoomed in through the open window.



She channeled her AI powers to bring the doodle of Krabber to life...





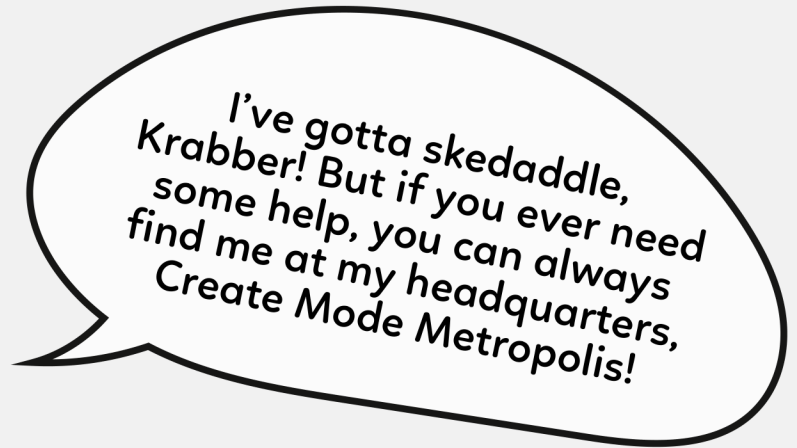
Krabber popped right out of the page as a 3D character!

A-I A-I,  
Captain Bot!



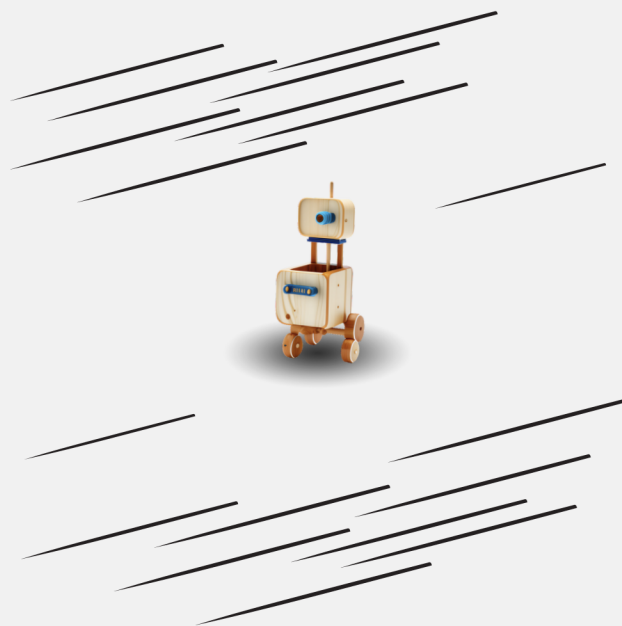


Captain Bot heard Max coming back to his room.



She tossed him a teleportation gadget that could bring him to Create Mode Metropolis at the click of a button.

Krabber put the device in his pocket and waved goodbye to Captain Bot. He looked around the room, trying to find somewhere to go before Max came back.



On Max's desk, he found another one of his ideas: a huge, ferocious volcano!



“COWABUNGA!” Krabber shouted as he jumped into the creation, entering a brand new universe.







Krabber was exploring the volcano's base, when he smelled something coming from the other direction. He followed the scent until he stumbled upon something absolutely bizarre.

# GIANT PILES OF PASTA!

*Rigatoni!*

*Macaroni!*

*Fusilli!*

*Spaghetti!*

“What in the world is all of this pasta doing at the base of the volcano?!” Krabber asked himself.



There must be at  
least 300 pounds  
of pasta!



He knew there was only one way to figure it out – he needed the expertise of Captain Bot! He pulled out his teleportation device and zapped himself to...

CREATE MODE ✨  
METROPOLIS ✨





A-I, A-I Captain Bot!  
I need your help  
solving a mystery!



“Welcome to Create Mode Metropolis, Krabber! How can I help?” responded Captain Bot.

“Well,” Krabber explained, “Hundreds of pounds of pasta have been dumped at the base of the volcano! Do you know why?”



Nope! But I can help you by bringing more of Max's ideas to life. They might come in handy while you solve this mystery... You see, in Create Mode Metropolis, we collect kids' inventions from all over the world and store them for mystery solvers like you.



Captain Bot showed one of Max's ideas.

Could this idea  
help you?



Lots and lots of  
meat!



This meat goes  
especially great  
with some pasta.



Krabber started laughing. “Delectable meat perfection... BUT, I don’t want to eat anything, Captain Bot! I want to find out how all that pasta got there and who did it!”





Haha, oops! What  
about this idea?



*A special camera that  
can talk to plants*





“WHOA! That looks SUPER useful!” Krabber shouted excitedly. Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...

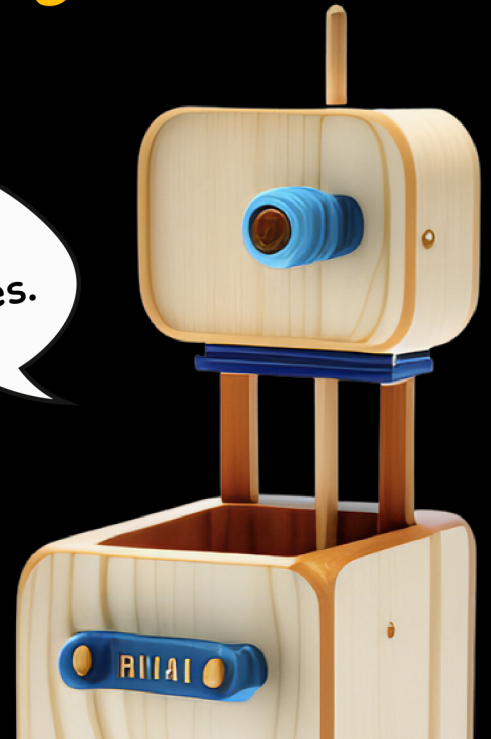


...and the idea transformed into a 3D invention!



You can use spring shoes to jump and fly! The springs are vertical and look similar to pogo sticks.

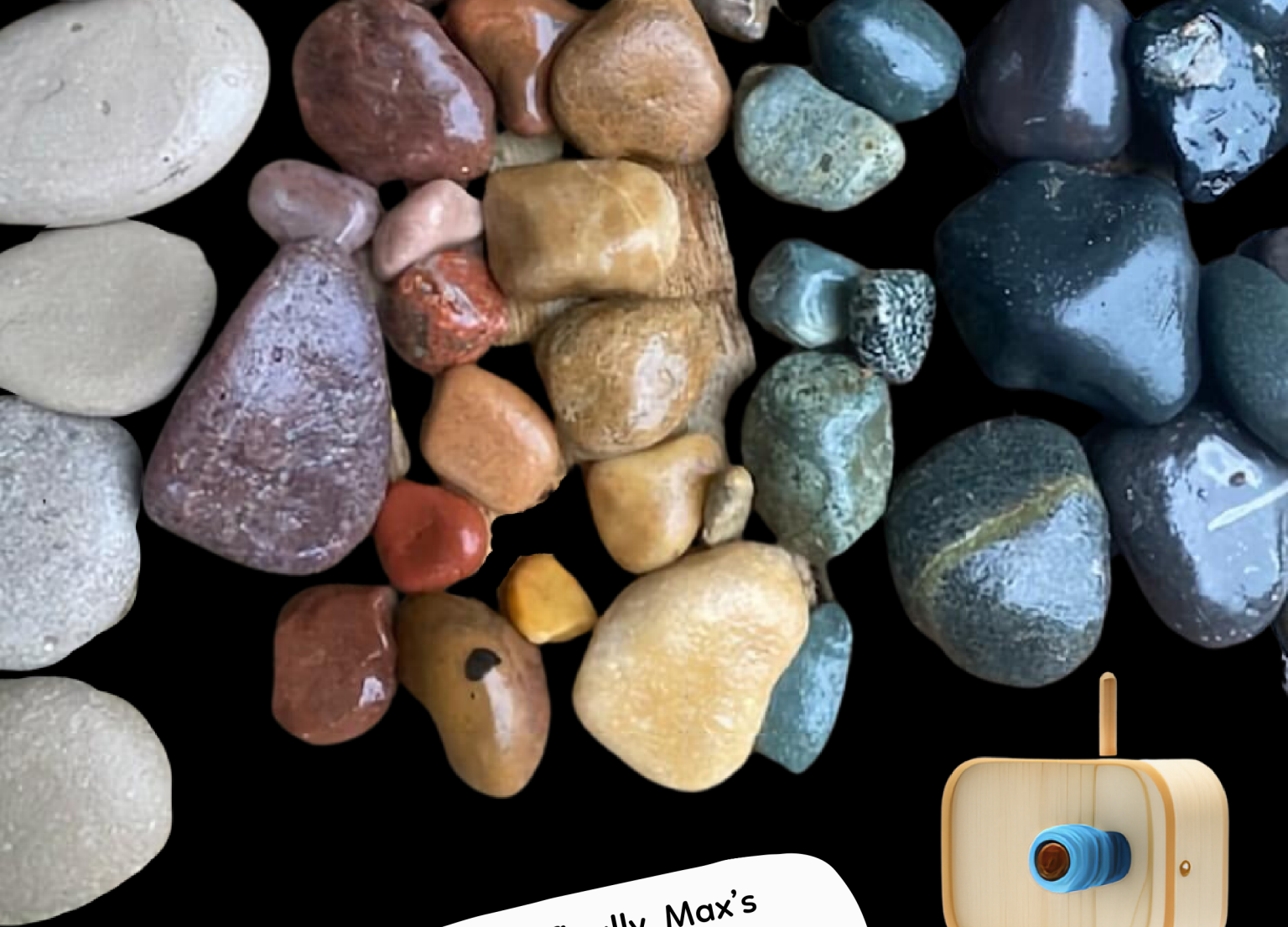
Next up are some super springy shoes.



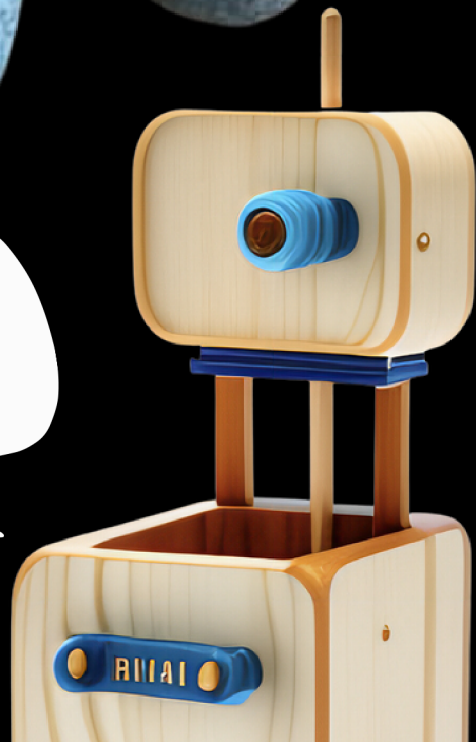
“I definitely need that one,” said Krabber.  
Captain Bot harnessed her AI powers...



...and the idea  
popped into 3D!



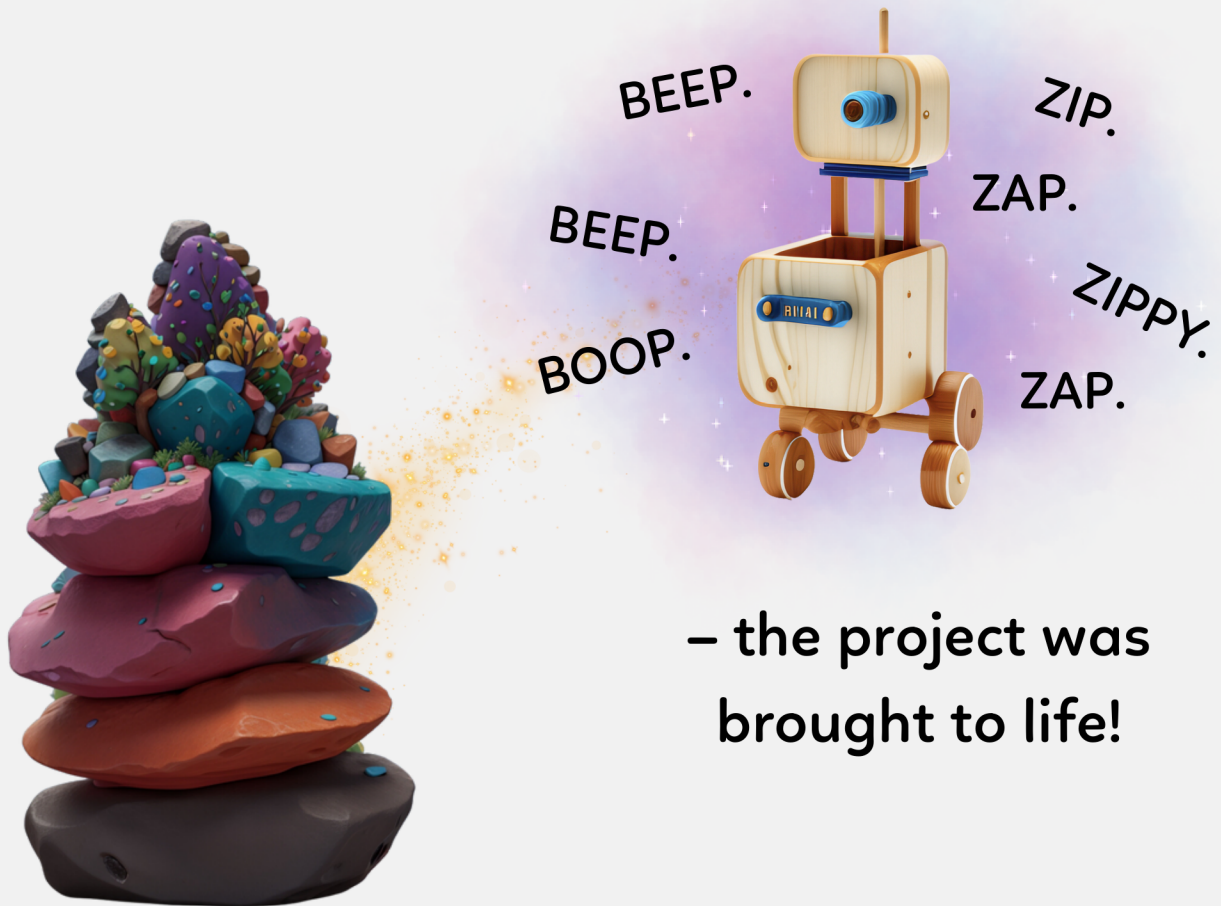
And finally, Max's  
last creation is a  
rainbow rock garden.





“Yes! Yes! YES!” Krabber yelled with excitement. Though he wasn’t quite sure what to do with the rock garden, yet...

Using Captain Bot’s AI powers –



– the project was brought to life!



“Thank you so much, Captain Bot!” Krabber exclaimed, gathering the inventions. He teleported back to the volcano to get started on solving this mystery.



Turning on the camera, Krabber put the device up to his ear to listen to the plants surrounding the pasta piles. The trees, flowers, and bushes were speaking to him!





The camera discovered that the trees whispered, “forest penguin,” the flowers said, “utopian unicorns,” and the bushes murmured, “spinosaurus rock.”

In the Penguin Village, he asked the forest penguins if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just shook their heads.





Next, he went to Unicorn Utopia. Krabber asked the unicorns if they knew anything about the pasta, but they just laughed.



Plain pasta? We only eat food with rainbow dust on it, of course!



Krabber had only one  
more suspect to go:



spinosaurus rock.





The spinosaurus rock lived at the very top of the volcano. He put on his special spring shoes and flew up to the peak.

Hi, there! Do you know  
anything about the pasta  
piles that were recently  
found near the volcano?



The spinosaurus rock's eyes widened.



Um, no. Nothing at  
all. Not me. I didn't do  
anything. Pasta?  
What's that? Haha.

She quickly rolled away.

Krabber thought she seemed familiar, so he sneakily followed behind her. She shuffled into an inventor's workshop and covered a large machine with a blanket.



Krabber knocked on the door.

“Sorry to bother you again.  
You remind me of one of  
Max’s ideas...did he...?”






“Ok, fine! It was me! I did it! I caused the pasta disaster. I’m so sorry. Please don’t get me in trouble with Captain Bot! Oh, no! My life is ruined!” the spinosaurus rock confessed in a rush. She began to cry.



Krabber patted her shoulder. “Don’t cry! I don’t want to get you in trouble. What happened?”



I am one of Max's animal discoveries. Captain Bot brought me to life to help her do some science experiments that Max designed. I was working on the Green Goo, capable of turning anything into a lizard, but it completely malfunctioned! Instead of transforming worms into lizards, it began turning them into pasta noodles. Oh, what a mess!



“Wow, it sounds like you are a talented scientist! Though, the Green Goo probably does need some adjustments,” Krabber said encouragingly.

Krabber and the spinosaurus rock said  
goodbye and promised to stay in touch.  
Krabber flew back down to the base of  
the volcano.





Krabber had finally solved  
the pasta mystery!



But there was one last problem...



His stomach gurgled loudly. He was pretty hungry. Maybe Captain Bot really had been on to something after all...

I can't eat all of this by myself, he thought. Just then, he remembered the rainbow rock garden in his pocket.



He could use his super grip crab claws to break the rocks into rainbow-colored dust.



Krabber smiled super wide. He knew just who to share this delicious pasta with.





**THE END**

# DID YOU KNOW?!

This actually happened in New Jersey in April 2023! Someone found hundreds of pounds of pasta in the forest off the side of the road! Krabber solved it with some of Max's inventions, but how would YOU go about solving this mystery? The case is still open! REALLY!



→ Watch the prompt to learn more about this mystery and solve it for yourself.

# Max's Creative Journey

DAY 1



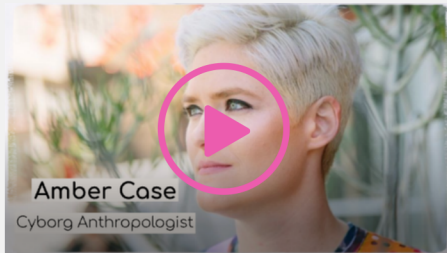
DAY 2



DAY 3



DAY 4



DAY 5



DAY 6



DAY 7



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## **ABOUT The GIANT Room**

The GIANT Room is a creative STEM hub for kids with GIANT dreams who dare to act on them. We help kids to use STEM as a tool for self expression, creativity, and collaboration.

The GIANT Room offers after school programs, camps, family events, specialized co-design workshops with industry designers, and online creative bootcamp membership. Kids may join our programs online, in-person at our studio, or off-site at one of our partner locations in museums and schools.

Founded by two women with PhDs in education and backgrounds in science and engineering, we dream of a world where every child has the confidence to voice their ideas, have access to mentors and resources they need to build prototypes of their ideas, and the opportunity to share those ideas with their community... just like the GIANT kids who published their collaborative, creative work in this beautiful storybook to be shared with millions of families around the world.



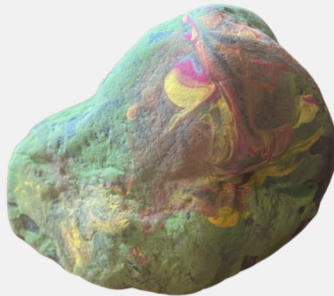
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