



The project on the next page goes along with the book *Nanette's Baguette* written by Mo Willems.

If you don't have this book, click [here](#) to listen to the book read aloud by a member of The Ringling's Education Staff!

This story follows a little frog named Nanette on her first real errand: to get a baguette! The best baguette get yet, in fact! Join Nanette on her trip through town told in a tongue-twisting, silly story. Will Nanette be able to get the baguette? Who will she meet along the way? With a plot twist ending, this book is sure to have you giggling (and may even make you hungry for a snack!)



Giovanni Michele Graneri (Italian, 1708 - 1778), *Drawing of the Lottery in the Piazza delle Erbe in Turin, c. 1756*. Oil on canvas, 60 1/2 x 81 1/2 in. Bequest of John Ringling, 1936. SN195

baguette, she saw many people she knew doing various activities. Can you find anyone selling food that you might eat with a baguette? Do you see someone's pet like Mr. Barnett's pet Antionette? How about someone filled with regret? Do you see anyone who might be on their first baguette get?

MUSEUM CONNECTION

This activity was inspired by the market place in the front of this painting. Many things happening in this painting also happened in *Nanette's Baguette*!

On Nanette's journey to get the

EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS:

I.C.1

I.C.2

IV.A.1

IV.A.2

IV.A.3

IV.F.1

IV.F.2

IV.F.3

IV.F.4

VIII.A.1

VIII.D.1

VIII.E.1

VIII.E.2

ACTIVITY

CARDBOARD TOWN

MATERIALS:
CARDBOARD BOXES, SCISSORS, PAPER,
PAINT, MARKERS, GLUE, VARIOUS ITEM
FOR DECORATION

DIFFICULTY LEVEL:
SIMPLE



DIRECTIONS:

For inspiration, click [here](#) to check out how author and illustrator Mo Willems made the town in *Nanette's Baguette!*

1. First choose what kind of shop or building each box will represent, but don't forget a bakery like Ms. Juliette's!
2. Paint the box whatever colors and designs you want your shop to have
3. While the paint dries, use the markers to draw a sign for your shop on your piece of paper. (Make sure to cut it the right size to fit on your box!) What fun names will your shop have? Will it rhyme like the story?
4. Once the paint is dry, glue your sign and other decorations on to your shop.
5. Repeat with multiple boxes to make a whole town like the one in the book!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE WHAT YOU CREATE!

Click [here](#) to share your masterpiece on our Family Programs Facebook Group!

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