



Butterfly with a Hairstyle (with LOVEIS WISE)

EPISODE LENGTH: 19:12



SUMMARY: What could be better than drawing with friends? This week, illustrator Loveis Wise visits the DrawTogether studio. We talk about asking people their pronouns, growing up to be a professional artist, and the magic of listening to your heart. Loveis guides us in drawing symmetrical butterflies — with an asymmetrical hairstyle! Multiple dance parties ensue and Suso takes center stage. Be sure to stay to the very end for a magical surprise.

SUPPLIES: paper, colors (crayons, colored pencils, etc.), a friend!

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING: integrating personal and social identities, identifying personal and cultural assets, recognizing strengths in others, understanding and expressing appreciation

CASEL COMPETENCIES: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills

CREATIVE SKILLS: fine and gross motor skills (drawing, coloring), imagination, (a)symmetry and color.



Guiding Questions:

- This episode talks about individualism and what makes us unique. What are some of your physical characteristics that make you different from other people? And what are some of your personality traits that make you different and unique? Why are you proud of your differences?
- What is something that you like to do with friends more than you like to do alone? What makes it better?
- Loveis talks about listening to your heart to follow your dreams. What is a big dream that you have and what would you like to do to pursue it?

Key Moments:

0:56 Start things off with a dance party! Lots of shaking and moving helps us to get ready for drawing.

2:43 One of the best things in the world is drawing with friends, so WendyMac calls artist Loveis Wise. They check in about preferred pronouns and talk about being a professional artist. Then they draw a butterfly with hair.

5:04 Let's draw! WendyMac and Loveis Wise fold a paper in quarters to make a **symmetrical** butterfly, and then spend time drawing their butterflies together. They add different colors and funky hairstyles to make their butterflies unique.

11:30 WendyMac and Loveis talk about how drawing makes them feel: what they do when it feels hard to keep going, how drawing helps them feel connected, and how what they create can surprise them.

13:50 A pause for *another* butterfly dance party break!

15:00 After adding details and decorations to the butterflies, it's time for an **asymmetrical** hairstyle to express the butterfly's individualism and uniqueness.





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Book recommendations:

- ***Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas*** — words by Jeanne Walker Harvey, pictures by Loveis Wise
With gorgeous illustrations by special guest Loveis Wise, this biography of artist Alma Thomas celebrates how Thomas broke down barriers to become the first Black woman to have a solo exhibition at the Whitney Museum and became one of the most respected painters of the 20th century. A perfect pairing with the DrawTogether podcast on Alma Thomas, too!
- ***Hair Love*** — words by Matthew A. Cherry, pictures by Vashti Harrison
This sweet little book uses hair to celebrate differences and encourage self-affirmation. It's also a welcome story about an awesome father-daughter relationship.
- ***The First Rule of Punk*** — by Celia C. Pérez
For the older kids in the DrawTogether world (4th grade and up), we recommend this chapter book about a middle school girl navigating a new city and new school, as well as learning about her identity. The main character looks for ways to connect her Mexican culture with her love of all things punk — and makes a lot of cool 'zines while doing it!

Older Kid Riff: Being You-nique

Being uniquely you (a.k.a. “you-nique”) is absolutely something to be celebrated; it makes the world more interesting, more joyful, and more inspiring when we can all be ourselves without worrying about what people think. But it can feel like there is a lot of pressure to conform or be like everyone else in our day-to-day lives. Luckily, this is where art can help!

For this riff, use words and pictures to create a character who is extremely unique, who pushes the boundaries of what is often considered “normal.” It can be based on yourself, or someone you know, or something entirely made up. Draw them and write down a few specific details about what makes them so special. If you have



time, give them a friend or two and draw or write about them as well. Have fun creating your imaginary super-special character(s) and sharing with your classmates, too. Together, you'll create a whole cast of inspiring friends to celebrate.

Activities and Explorations



PODCAST CONNECTION: DRAWING ENERGY WITH ALMA THOMAS

will help to connect even more with Thomas' biography, *Ablaze with Color*, illustrated by Loveis Wise. (page 76)

ACTIVITY: grab some paints and make a butterfly print (with a personality!)

SPECIAL GUEST: learn more about Loveis and their art





LET'S MAKE A BUTTERFLY...WITH A PERSONALITY!

Step 1. Paint half your butterfly on one side of the page. **Step 2.** While still wet, fold along the line and squish the paint! Open back up and you've got a symmetrical butterfly (the same on both sides!) **Step 3.** Add something special to one side or the other to make it Asymmetrical (different on each side!) Now you can try it on a blank sheet of paper!

My Butterfly's Name:

Unique Feature:





Learn More About LOVEIS WISE

Loveis Wise is an illustrator whose work is vibrant and full of color, patterns, and people. They were influenced by children's books such as *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and *The Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, and then mashed up that inspiration into a different and unique style that combines fashion and movement with community and care. The artwork of Loveis has been featured on the cover of *The New Yorker* and in many other magazines, newspapers, and publications.



3 Questions and a Drawing with Illustrator Loveis Wise:

What did you want to be when you grew up?

"I wanted to be an artist and dancer!"

If you could draw anything that would magically become real, what would it be?

"I would draw a talking cloud that folks could travel with and create rainbows."

What is the one piece of advice you'd like to give to DrawTogether kids?

"Keep drawing and love the art you make like they are your best friends. Anything drawn from the heart is your truth!"

Would you show some of your art?

