Stuffed Sock Animals

Learning Goal
Explore and make spheres.

What You’ll Need
- Socks
- Stuffing, cotton balls or rice
- Scissors
- Rubber bands
- Glue
- Buttons or googly eyes

Steps
1. Make a bunny! Stuff a sock halfway. Tie loosely with a rubber band. Separate the stuffed part into two spheres with a rubber band; one sphere is the body and one is the head. Fold the empty part of the sock down and glue it together. Then cut it in half to make bunny ears. Add a cute face!
2. Make an octopus! Stuff a sock halfway. Shape into a sphere and tie shut with a rubber band. For the tentacles, cut the empty part of the sock into long strips. Add a cute face!
3. Make a caterpillar! Stuff a sock completely and tie the end with a rubber band. Divide the stuffed sock into four or five spheres with rubber bands. Add a pipe cleaner around the neck to create antennae. Add a cute face!

Talk Together
- What shape is the body of your sock animal?
- What is unique about a sphere? Is it 2D or 3D?

Book Suggestion
Mice on Ice, written by Eleanor May and illustrated by Deborah Melmon

Online Game
Peg + Cat: The Highlight Zone
pbskids.org/peg/games/highlight-zone/

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