

PINKALICIOUS & PETERRIFIC (SPEC)

"KNIT A PROBLEM"

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Learning Objective:

Brainstorm collaboratively multiple approaches to an art or design problem

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SC 1. EXT. PINKVILLE GREEN - MORNING

RAFAEL and IRIS turn two jump ropes for PINKALICIOUS and JASMINE, who are jumping double dutch. They face each other and play a game of pat-a-cake.

1 **PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE** 1
(chanting)
Gertie, Gertie in the sky,
You're the apple of my eye.
Gertie, Gertie soaring high,
Gee, I'm glad that dragons fly.

2 **PINKALICIOUS** 2
Look, Jasmine! I can hop on one
leg.

3 **JASMINE** 3
Woah! That's great! (beat) Watch
this trick I just learned.

Jasmine does a straddle jump, lands, and continues jumping rope.

4 **RAFAEL/IRIS/PINKALICIOUS** 4
Ooh! / Nice one! / Pinkamazing!

5 **PINKALICIOUS** 5
And now for the triple pinka-twist.

Pinkalicious launches into a spinning jump. She trips on her landing, causing the rope to wrap comically around Jasmine and herself so they are completely tangled.

6 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 6
Whoops! Guess I need a little more
practice.

The girls giggle and start to disentangle themselves.

7 **MR. CRUNK (O.S.)** 7
Woah! You okay, kids?

PAN TO REVEAL: MR. CRUNK sitting on a nearby bench, knitting. There is a large bag of purple yarn on the bench next to him.

The kids run over to him.

8 **PINKALICIOUS** 8
Oh, hi, Mr. Crunk!

9 **IRIS** 9
That's a LOT of purple yarn. Are
you making something?

10 **MR. CRUNK** 10
 (concentrating) I'm knitting.

The kids look at him blankly.

11 **MR. CRUNK (CONT'D)** 11
 Knitting is a way to make fabric
 out of yarn.

He raises the needles in his hands and demonstrates. As he explains, he makes big arm gestures, unwittingly wrapping himself up in yarn.

NOTE: We'll want a clear close-up as he explains the knitting process.

12 **MR. CRUNK (CONT'D)** 12
 I wrap the yarn around this needle
 to make a bunch of loops. Then I
 connect those loops with my other
 needle. And I do that again and
 again until I get the shape I want.

13 **PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE/IRIS** 13
 Wow! / You MADE that? / That's so
 cool.

14 **MR. CRUNK** 14
 This sweater is going to be a
 birthday gift for Ms. Penny.

He points at the squares.

15 **MR. CRUNK (CONT'D)** 15
 I knit one square at a time and
 then put them together. They're all
 different shades of purple, because
 purple is Ms. Penny's favorite
 color. (Suddenly remembering) But I
 have to hurry - her party is this
 afternoon!

16 **PINKALICIOUS** 16
 <GASP> This afternoon? I didn't
 even know it was Ms. Penny's
 birthday!

17 **RAFAEL** 17
 Me, either!

18 **JASMINE** 18
 And we don't have any presents to
 give her!

The kids look around at each other worriedly.

19 **PINKALICIOUS** 19
Wait! Maybe we can knit something
for Ms. Penny, too!

SC. 2. *PINKA MOMENT*****

In her imagination, Pinkalicious knits the most beautiful, vivid knitting. MS. PENNY appears, with a whimsically decorated birthday party in the background. As Pinkalicious mentions each item she wants to gift Ms. Penny, they pop up nearby, and Ms. Penny is visibly more and more wonderstruck by each gift.

20 **PINKALICIOUS** 20
We could knit Ms. Penny so many
pretty things! A sweater made of
golden string.

A blanket appears in Ms. Penny's arms.

21 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 21
A pair of gloves, a pair of
socks...

Each pair appears in Ms. Penny's hands. She's clearly having trouble carrying it all, but delighted nonetheless.

22 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 22
Some cozies for her cuckoo clocks!

Two cuckoo clocks wrapped in yarn plop down on either side of Ms. Penny.

23 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 23
A hat to make a parrot sing.

A knitted version of a pirate hat appears atop Ms. Penny's head. A parrot flies into view and lands on her shoulder.

24 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 24
A pair of great, big fairy wings.

Fairy wings made of yarn pop up on Ms. Penny's shoulders.

25 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 25
And at the end, we'll unfurl the
longest blanket in the world!

All of the gifts disappear. Ms. Penny is wrapped up in a long, patchwork knit blanket.

**** END PINKA MOMENT ****

32 **MR. CRUNK** (CONT'D) 32
This book has instructions for all
kinds of projects.

33 **JASMINE/RAFAEL/IRIS** 33
Thanks, Mr. Crunk! / Bye, Mr.
Crunk! / Thank you!

34 **MR. CRUNK** 34
Just remember, getting started is
the hardest part. Don't get
discouraged if you struggle with it
at first.

35 **PINKALICIOUS** 35
Don't worry, Mr. Crunk! I'm sure
we'll get the hang of it.

The kids wave goodbye and start to walk away. Mr. Crunk tries
to wave back and realizes his arms are trapped in yarn.

36 **MR. CRUNK** 36
Oh! Okay, that's not good.

The kids giggle and run back to help disentangle him.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 4. EXT. DOWNTOWN PINKVILLE - MOMENTS LATER

The kids are walking home together. Pinkalicious has Mr.
Crunk's book open in front of her, and the other kids crowd
around to get a look.

37 **PINKALICIOUS** 37
I don't know how I'm going to pick
just one thing to knit. There are
so many projects in here!

38 **IRIS** 38
And so many kinds of yarn! Purple
and pink and rainbow and sparkly.

39 **JASMINE** 39
(realizing) But...we don't have any
yarn!

The kids stop walking and look around at each other.

40 **RAFAEL** 40
We can't knit without yarn.

Just then we see MR. PLUM and MRS. PLUM walking into their
studio, each carrying a big box filled with scrap craft
materials.

41 **MR. PLUM** 41
Look at all this great fabric we
found. And all those pipe cleaners!
This is going to be our best scrap
sculpture yet.

42 **MRS. PLUM** 42
Ooh, careful, Plummy!

Mr. Plum trips on the sidewalk and teeters. He regains his balance, but a spool of ribbon falls out of his box. Neither Plum notices, and they start walking away.

43 **IRIS** 43
Wait, Mr. Plum!

Iris runs over, picks up the ribbon, and sets it atop Mr. Plum's box.

44 **MR. PLUM** 44
Oh, thank you! (chuckles) We're
using so many different materials
for this piece, it's hard to keep
track of it all.

The rest of the kids catch up to Iris.

45 **PINKALICIOUS** 45
 Actually, Mr. Plum, are you using
 any yarn for your sculpture?

MR. PLUM
As a matter of fact, we are.

PINKALICIOUS
(excited) Could we have some?? That
is, if you're finished with it...

46 **JASMINE** 46
We're knitting birthday gifts for
Ms. Penny!

47 **MRS. PLUM** 47
Of course. We just finished up with
the yarn yesterday. Come on in, and
we'll find it for you.

The Plums exit through their studio.

48 **RAFAEL** 48
Yesss! We have yarn!

49	PINKALICIOUS	49
	Maybe other people around town have leftover yarn, too.	
50	IRIS	50
	And then we'll have as many pretty colors as in the book!	

SC. 5. SONG AND MONTAGE - VARIOUS

In a SERIES OF SCENES, Pinkalicious, Rafael, Iris and Jasmine gather a variety of yarn and other materials from their neighbors. Over the montage, the kids sing a SONG about all the different kinds of yarn they imagine they'll collect.

- In the Plums' studio, Mr. and Mrs. Plum pull out two wagons full of multicolored skeins of yarn, to the kids' delight.

- The kids find white string from some old ballet costumes in Mrs. Cooper's dance studio. Jasmine recovers the yarn by spinning it free off one of the mannequins, and each of the other kids does the same.

- At the Pinkertons' house, Pinkalicious borrows several balls of yarn from Rosie's cat bed.

- Daddy finds the kids several pairs of knitting needles in a kitchen drawer.

- Pinkalicious also finds a few skeins under Peter's bed...along with a baseball glove, some stinky socks and an old sandwich.

- A bunch of red yarn from Mommy's workshop. The yarn has clearly been used as a makeshift belt for one of Mommy's inventions. Pinkalicious takes the yarn out, which causes the contraption to whir and blink. Flustered, she puts that yarn back but takes the skein sitting next to the contraption.

- Finally, in Mayor Martinez's office, the mayor steps back to reveal the holy grail - a set of baskets stockpiled with yarn, all organized neatly by color.

SONG ENDS

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 6. INT. PINKERTON LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

Scattered all over the Pinkertons' living room are piles yarn of all colors, gauges and textures, including one particularly big ball at the tippy top.

The kids are spaced out around the room, and Mr. Crunk's book lay the in the center.

Iris holds up a skein of yarn in each hand, one green and one purple.

51 **IRIS** 51

Don't purple and green look
wonderful together? I think I'll
knit some purple hearts and flowers
into Ms. Penny's dress.

52 **RAFAEL** 52

That sounds great! Have you decided
what you want to knit,
Pinkalicious?

53 **PINKALICIOUS** 53

Well...at first, I thought a hat.
But then I thought maybe some pink
striped socks. (beat) WAIT, I got
it. What does Ms. Penny love most
in the world?

54 **IRIS** 54

...Math?

55 **PINKALICIOUS** 55

(giggles) No! Her cat, Pumpkin! So,
I'm going to knit a gigantic
portrait of Pumpkin for Ms. Penny's
birthday gift.

56 **IRIS** 56

But Pinkalicious, do you think
you'll be able to finish that in
time?

57 **JASMINE** 57

Yeah, it might be better to try
something easier, since none of us
have ever knit before.

Whip pan to Rafael, who is knitting up a storm. He already has a small pile of stuffed cat toys (shaped like hearts, flowers, and stars) beside him, and now he's working on a purple hat with a complex design.

The kids stare on in amazement.

58 **IRIS/PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE** 58

Woah! / Rafael, how did you do that
so quickly? / Those look great!

59 **RAFAEL** 59
(bashful) Welllll...I may have
joined my mom's knitting circle a
couple times.

The kids giggle.

60 **PINKALICIOUS** 60
See? If Rafael can learn, so can
we. We just have to get started.
I'm sure we'll figure it out.

In a SERIES OF QUICK CUTS, we see the kids each struggle to
make progress on their project:

- Iris completes a few stitches, looks confused, and pulls
them out.

- Jasmine, is concentrating hard, counting and recounting her
stitches.

- Pinkalicious eyes her knitting, which has inexplicably
turned into a triangle shape. She snips the yarn and throws
the triangle into a pile of other little triangle scraps.

- Meanwhile, Rafael keeps having to move away to keep his
ball of yarn away from a rambunctious Rosie.

As Pinkalicious, Iris, and Jasmine talk, Rafael is chasing
Rosie around the room.

61 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 61
Ugghhh! This is so much harder than
I thought.

62 **JASMINE** 62
I know! I can't figure out where
one stitch ends and the other
begins. I keep losing count.

63 **IRIS** 63
At least you've made some stitches.
I can't remember anything Mr. Crunk
showed us.

64 **PINKALICIOUS** 64
Well, my squares keep turning into
triangles!

She holds up a few of the little triangles as proof.

65 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 65
Rafael, you're probably almost
done, right?

Rafael continues chasing Rosie in the background. Finally, he catches the ball of yarn she's been chasing.

66 **RAFAEL** 66
 (catching his breath)

Well, actually, I've been kind of busy.

67 **PINKALICIOUS** 67

What are we going to do?? Ms.
Penny's party is in a few hours and
we still don't have any finished
presents to give her.

Iris stands.

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68          IRIS
Rafael, can you show us again how
to knit?
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Pinkalicious and Jasmine stand, too. Meanwhile, Rosie starts climbing up the giant pile of yarn in the foreground of the shot.

69 **PINKALICIOUS** 69

Yes! Maybe if you break it down for
us reeeeaally slowly, we'll all
figure out what we're doing wrong.

70 **RAFAEL** 70
Hm, I think I could do that. But
I'm not really sure how to explain.
I just...know how.

Rafael thinks for a moment. Rosie takes advantage of the lull and starts batting at the big yarn ball at the top of the yarn pile.

71 **PINKALICIOUS** 71
 (noticing) Rosie, no!!!

But it's too late. The ball goes flying. The rest of the pile topples over, making a mess of the Pinkertons' living room. A trail of yarn heads out of the living room and up the stairs. Pinkalicious and the rest of the kids run after it.

72 **PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE** 72
Rosie!!! / Rosie, come back!

SC. 7. INT./EXT. HOUSE - VARIOUS ROOMS - CONTINUOUS

We follow Pinkalicious, Iris, Jasmine, and Rafael as they chase Rosie up and down the stairs, where yarn wraps around the bannister...

73 **RAFAEL** 73
Rosie, pleeease come back!

...through the kitchen...

74	IRIS/JASMINE	74
	Here, Rosie! / Here kitty, kitty!	

...through Mommy's workshop, and out to the backyard. They chase Rosie around and around in circles, not realizing that they are all being wrapped up in yarn.

75 **PINKALICIOUS** 75
ROSIE, STOP!!!

Rosie comes to a screeching halt. Her sudden stop pulls the yarn taut, and <thud>. The kids all run into each other and fall to the floor, wrapped in yarn.

76 **JASMINE** 76
Ugghh, why does this keep
happening?

They all get up and start untangling themselves. Suddenly, Rafael stops and looks at the thick yarn in his hands.

77 **RAFAEL** 77
Wait! This gives me an idea!

He finishes disentangling himself and runs back to the house.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 8. EXT. PINKERTONS' BACKYARD - MOMENTS LATER

Rafael hands Pinkalicious, Iris, and Jasmine each a jump rope.

78 **JASMINE** 78
Listen, I like double dutch as much
as the next girl, but...I don't see
how a jump rope is going to help.

79 **RAFAEL** 79
Just wait. You'll see!

The girls look skeptically at one another. Rafael stands behind Pinkalicious and ties the jump rope in a slip knot around her left arm. Then, he quickly casts on a few stitches to get them started. (Animation note - see arm knitting tutorial here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lcIyIhIJxY>)

80 **RAFAEL** (CONT'D) 80

Okay, pretend this jump rope is the yarn, and Pinkalicious's arms are the knitting needles.

81 **IRIS** 81

Okay...

82 **RAFAEL** 82

My mom taught me a rhyme that helped me learn to knit, and I think it could help you, too!

Rafael completes each step in time with his rhyme, as the girls look on.

83 **RAFAEL** (CONT'D) 83

In through the fairy house,
Behind the big tree,
Up through the fairy house,
And off flies she.

Close-up on the finished stitch, which he's just transferred to Pinkalicious's right arm.

84 IRIS 84

Yes, I think I get it now!

She takes the jump rope and, standing where Rafael just stood, starts looping it around Pinka's arms, in time with the rhyme.

85 IRIS (CONT'D) 85

In through the fairy house,
Behind the big tree,
Up through the fairy house,
And off flies she.

Close-up of Pinka's right arm, which now has two completed stitches.

86 **IRIS** (CONT'D) 86

Look, I did it!

87 PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE 87

PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE
Pinkamazing! / It looks great!

Jasmine points to the knots on Pinka's arm.

88 **JASMINE** 88
And these bigger stitches are sooo
much easier to see. I think I know
how to count them now.

As Jasmine speaks, Iris finishes the row of stitches and
starts on the next one.

89 **PINKALICIOUS** 89
Oh, I see what I was doing wrong,
too! I was missing the last stitch
at the end of each row. So the rows
kept getting shorter!

90 **RAFAEL** 90
Do you think you're ready to try
with Ms. Penny's presents?

91 **JASMINE/IRIS** 91
I'm ready! / Yes, let's do it!

Rafael, Iris and Jasmine start heading back into the house.

92 **PINKALICIOUS** 92
Wait!

The kids look back at her quizzically. She holds up her arms,
which still have the jump rope looped around them.

93 **PINKALICIOUS (CONT'D)** 93
(giggle) A little help?

The kids laugh and start unknitting.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 9. INT. PINKERTON LIVING ROOM - A FEW HOURS LATER

The kids are each knitting small rectangles in different
colors. Each project clearly has been scaled down from what
they originally had planned.

94 **IRIS** 94
How is your scarf coming, Jasmine?

95 **JASMINE** 95
Great. Look!

She holds up a short yellow piece.

96 **RAFAEL** 96
Wow, good job!

- 97 **PINKALICIOUS** 97
I am sad I can't knit Ms. Penny a
portrait of Pancake. But maybe I'll
learn enough to make her one for
Valentine's Day!
- 98 **JASMINE** 98
And a portrait of all her kittens,
too!
- The kids laugh. MOMMY pokes her head into the room.
- 99 **MOMMY** 99
Hi kids! Are you all ready for Ms.
Penny's party? We'll be leaving in
a few minutes.
- 100 **PINKALICIOUS/JASMINE/RAFAEL/IRIS** 100
What?!! / A few minutes? / No, we
can't! / We're not finished yet!
- 101 **MOMMY** 101
It's okay, you still have some
time. Just finish what you're
working on. I'm sure Ms. Penny will
love her gifts.
- Mommy exits.
- 102 **JASMINE** 102
What are we going to do? Ms.
Penny's gifts aren't nearly done.
- 103 **RAFAEL** 103
I can't believe. All that work. All
that YARN. And we still let her
down.
- 104 **IRIS** 104
She's going to be so disappointed.
- Pinkalicious dejectedly runs her hands over the pile of yarn
near her. Her hand hovers over a skein of purple yarn.
Suddenly, she perks up.
- 105 **PINKALICIOUS** 105
Wait...Didn't Mr. Crunk say he was
knitting a bunch of little squares
and then putting them all together
to make Ms. Penny's sweater?
- 106 **JASMINE** 106
(confused) Yeah...

107	PINKALICIOUS	107
	So, maybe we can put all of our knitting together and make one big present!	
108	IRIS	108
	That's a great idea!	
109	RAFAEL	109
	I have some big rectangles we can put together.	
110	IRIS	110
	We can put these green and purple squares between the rectangles.	
111	PINKALICIOUS	111
	(giggles) We could even use my little triangles! And Jasmine's scarf bits would make a pinkamazing border.	
112	RAFAEL	112
	Everyone bring me your parts, and I'll start knitting them together.	

With renewed purpose, Pinkalicious, Jasmine, and Iris bustle around the room looking for pieces to include, while Rafael gets started on knitting.

DISSOLVE TO:

SC. 10. EXT. PINKVILLE PARK - LATE AFTERNOON

The park has been decorated with several bunches of balloons tied to trees. A large half-eaten cake sits off to the side, surrounded by balloons.

MS. PENNY sits in the center of the park, surrounded by 10-15 townspeople, including Mr. Crunk, the Plums, Mommy and Daddy, and the four kids - all wearing birthday hats. She is opening a box wrapped in sparkly purple paper. She pulls out a purple patchwork sweater.

113	MS. PENNY	113
	Mr. Crunk, what a beautiful sweater! Thank you so much.	
114	MR. CRUNK	114
	(bashful) My pleasure, Ms. Penny. Happy birthday!	

Ms. Penny sets the sweater down and reaches for another present at her feet.

115 **RAFAEL** 115
 (whispering) That's our gift.

116 **JASMINE** 116
 Oh, I hope she likes it.

117 **MS. PENNY** 117
 This one is from...(checks the tag)
 Pinkalicious, Jasmine, Iris and
 Rafael.

Ms. Penny smiles and begins unwrapping. Cut back to all four kids looking worried.

Ms. Penny pulls a large patchwork blanket out of the box and holds it up for everyone to see. Four dark purple rectangles are surrounded by green squares, light purple squares, and triangles in a variety of colors. The whole thing is surrounded by a yellow border and adorned with Rafael's dangling cat toys, which have been tied on in various places.

Excited <walla> from the crowd. The kids look around at everyone's reactions.

118 **MS. PENNY (CONT'D)** 118
 (not giving anything away) Oh my.
 This is...well, this is...the
 loveliest blanket I have ever seen.

The kids perk up.

119 **PINKALICIOUS** 119
 Do you really like it Ms. Penny? We
 made it ourselves.

120 **MS. PENNY** 120
 You made this? It's wonderful!

121 **JASMINE** 121
 We know it's not as fun as getting
 to open four different presents...

122 **MS. PENNY** 122
 No, it's better! Now, whenever I
 look at it, I'm reminded of all
 four of you.

As we pull out, Rosie trots by, batting a ball of purple yarn. Mr. Crunk is running closely behind her.

123

PINKALICIOUS

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And Rosie, of course! We couldn't
have done it without her.

Everyone laughs, and we FADE OUT.

THE END.