

# CINDERELLA HANDBOOK

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**Suitable for Key Stages 1&2**  
*Focus: Art and Design*

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This handbook has been produced by the 2020/21 Drama Society students of Stranmillis University College.

Unfortunately in December 2020, our annual Pantomime was cancelled, due to the unforeseen situation of COVID-19.

As much as we crave to be back in our Drama Theatre together, what we miss the most is the connection with our audience, many of whom are our very own local Primary school students.

To provide for them in this troublesome period, we have spent our free time over the last few months developing this resource, to bring some enjoyment and to alleviate some stress.

The activities in this handbook can be used in correlation with CCEA's Northern Ireland Curriculum (Primary).

We hope you will be able to use our resource in any way you can whether that is in person, online or at home. If you decide to share your activities, please let us know via our social media below:

[stranmillispantomime](#) (Instagram)

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I would like to express my deep gratitude to all those who work for Stranmillis University College. They were very gracious to give us so many opportunities, particularly this year. Their consideration and co-operation has aided the Committee through this trying year and we cannot thank them enough.

I also thank the students of Stranmillis who are part of the Drama Society. Your participation in our fundraiser 'You Can't Stop The Beat', was incredible, you are all phenomenal!

Lastly, I would like to use this opportunity to extend my thanks to my fellow Committee members, who during this very stressful time remained upbeat and went over and above the duties required from their roles this year. They are undoubtedly a very talented and gifted group of people, who will go far in their lives. I feel it is important to make the public aware that despite our usual Pantomime not taking place, the hours of work and mental commitment which took place this year rivals our long 24 hour show days. They are an incredible team, who, despite the many obstacles in our path this year, never lost their determination and perseverance. Every single person on the Committee has strength beyond words and never lost it in the face of adversity. Thank you.

On behalf of the Stranmillis Drama Society, I thank you for your support during this difficult time. We send you our heartfelt wishes of good health, happiness, and of course, a little bit of magic.



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**Anastasia**  
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**Drizella**  
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Please Note: Some of these cast members are in a bubble, all COVID-19 restrictions were adhered to at the time of filming.

# IT STINKS!

This activity has videos to go alongside it, to tell the story. The running order for this can be found below.

Follow this to find out what is happening in Cinderella's Kingdom!



Please Note: This running order must be adhered to carefully, as if not, it will ruin the story!

# IT STINKS!

## *Activity Summary:*

This is an **art and design** activity.

Cinderella's stepsisters, Anastasia and Drizella, are now maids in the Palace. Too lazy to complete their day work of cleaning, their Fairy Godmother completes it for them. However, the spell has a horrible side-effect - everything stinks! The sisters begin to panic. They need to get rid of the bad smell before Cinderella and the Prince get back!

The participants of this activity must help the sisters by designing their own air freshener to clear the room of the awful smell.

### *Notes:*

- A follow-up activity could be a blindfolded scent test Science experiment where the participants try to guess what scent they are smelling.
- The script provided could also be acted out, as a news report, re-enactment or hot-seating activity.
- The participants could complete a Numeracy follow-up task based on how long it took the Fairy Godmother to clean the Palace, compared to how long it took Cinderella to get back to the Palace.



# AIR FRESHENER TEMPLATE

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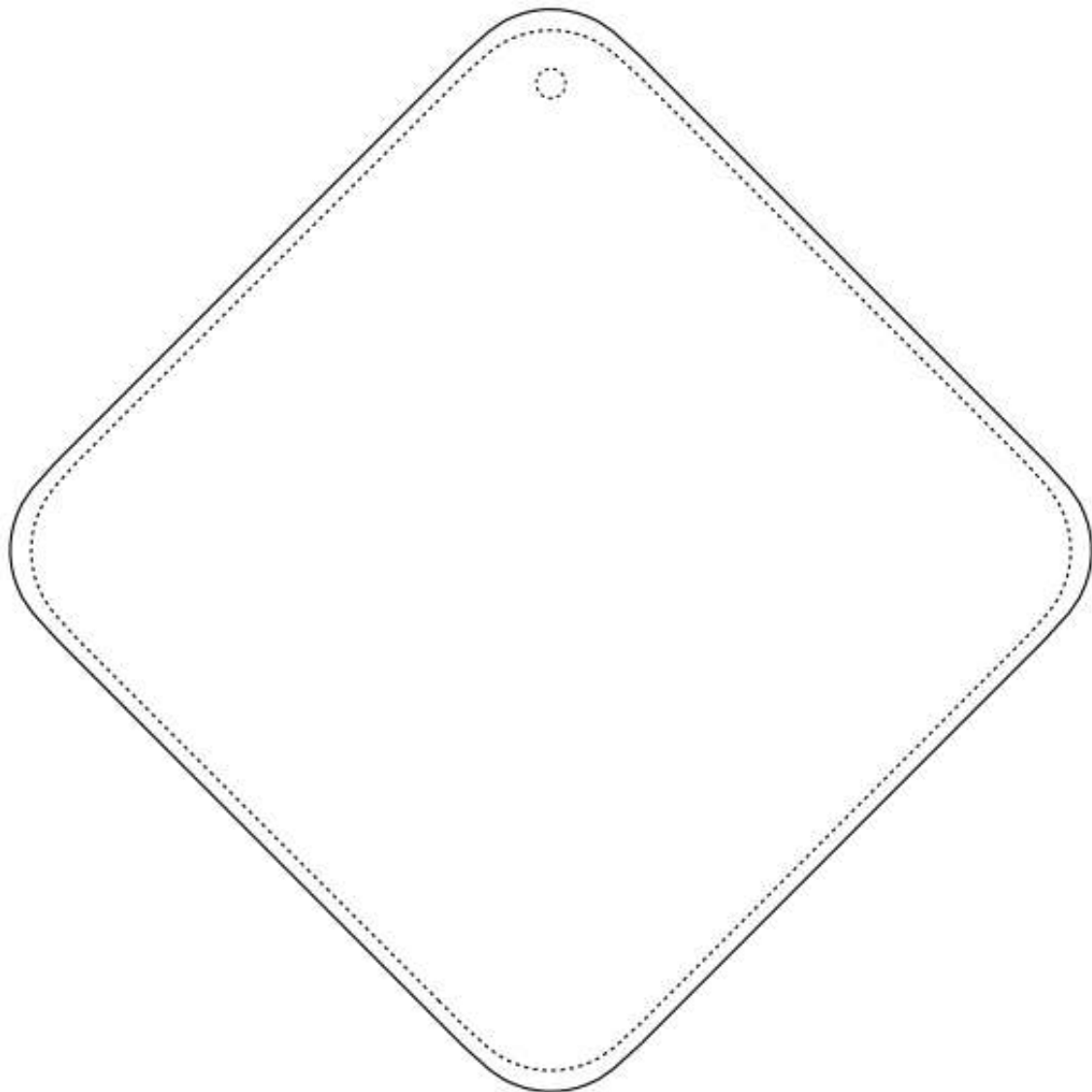


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you help solve the smelly problem the Ugly Step Sisters have?  
Design an air freshener to fix the really bad smell in the Palace.



Describe the design and scent of you air freshener.

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# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

*Cinderella's stepsisters, Anastasia and Drizella, are now maids in the Palace. They are slumped in armchairs, feeling sorry for themselves at the prospect of a full day's work of cleaning and tidying.*

**Anastasia:** How have we come to this!? We used to dress up in silk, wear our pearls, and waltz around like we owned the place. And now look at the shape of us! We're maids in the Palace!

**Drizella:** Awk tell me about it dear, I used to be a Beauty Queen, but this does nothing for my image. As if it wasn't bad enough that the Prince didn't pick to marry us, we now have to spend all of our days cleaning and tidying up after him!

**Anastasia:** And sure we're flat our dusting as well! I mean, sure, I've dusted this room, and I've dusted that room! Surely one dust should be enough to get rid of the dust? It's not like it can just grow back!

**Drizella:** Awk the truth is, this whole cleaning business is a joke! Don't get me started on the mopping! I just pour all the water on the floor and rub it in a little... but it never seems to get clean, just very, very wet!

**Anastasia:** Don't even get me started on brushing the floor (holding the brush upside down, begins using it) I would have thought that the bristly bit would go at the bottom, but what do I know.

*The sisters work at their tasks for a few seconds, then crash into their seats exhausted.*

**Drizella:** Awk to be truthful, I think we've done enough work for a lifetime!

**Anastasia:** Don't get too comfortable – there are 100 rooms in this palace, and we've barely even done this one! (pause) Awk, but sure, let's take a wee break!

*The sisters both flick through their magazines.*

**Drizella:** I do wish there was a way we could get all of this work done without having to do it ourselves...

*There is a flash of lights/twinkly sound and their Fairy Godmother appears. Anastasia scuttles over to Drizella who is still reading her magazine and has not noticed their visitor.*

**Anastasia:** Drizella... do my eyes deceive me or have we just received a... (pointing) surprise visitor?

**Drizella:** Oh Anastasia, you do say some crazy things... (notices the fairy and lets out a high-pitched squeal) How did she get in? Who is she? What is happening?



# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

**Anastasia:** Calm down, calm down, goodness me you're getting more worked up than Donald Trump when he runs out of fake tan! Stop staring, we can't keep looking at her at the same time or else we'll scare her away! You go first... (*Drizella moves awkwardly to get a good look*) and now I'll go... (*Anastasia moves even more awkwardly to get a good look*).

**Fairy Godmother:** If you two are quite finished eyeing me up, you can allow me to introduce myself. I... (*proudly*) am your Fairy Godmother.

**Drizella:** Our fairy what-now?

**Fairy Godmother:** Your Fairy Godmother! Everyone has one you know.

**Anastasia:** (*sneering*) Well, Fairy Godmother... where were you when that hunky Prince was looking to wife somebody up and he chose our squirt of a stepsister instead us?! Clearly that man did not have his eyes properly screwed in or else he would have seen that clearly... (*arm sweeps down body*) there would have been no better choice.

**Drizella:** Just look at me - I have beauty (*poses*), I have elegance (*clumsy spin*) and don't even get me started on my fashion sense... (*chef kiss*) exquisite!

**Anastasia:** And it all came down to that teeny tiny glass shoe...I'll never forgive my mother for giving me these big flippers.

**Fairy Godmother:** Sure. Because that was the only problem. Did you ever think that maybe the Prince married Cinderella because she is... nice? And kind? And actually considerate of other people's feeling?

*Both sisters pause, then burst into laughter.*

**Drizella:** (*wiping away tears, still laughing*) Oh, stop it, stop it! I knew she was a fairy, I did not know she was a comedian! That is the most ridiculous thing I have ever heard!

**Anastasia:** (*gathering herself, turning her attention back to the Fairy Godmother*) Anyway, if you're our Fairy Godmother, does that mean that you can do... magic?

**Fairy Godmother:** (*smugly*) It does indeed! But I'll tell you, they don't give these wands away for free! You have to go through Fairy Training for 7 years - can you imagine learning and training for 7 - whole - years! But you're not finished when you complete those 7, oh no. You then have to do another 7 years! And you can even pick to do another 3 or 4 after that... honestly, it's a crazy system, I have no idea who came up with it.

**Drizella:** Well with all that training, you must be the best in the business!

# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

**Fairy Godmother:** (*awkwardly*) Well, you would think that but... well... there might have been a slight problem with my final exam...

**Anastasia:** A problem? What do you mean 'a problem'?

**Fairy Godmother:** I, um..., I... (*very quickly*) didn't quite manage to pass it.

**Anastasia and Drizella:** ...What?

**Fairy Godmother:** (*sighs*) I didn't pass it! I've always had a bit of trouble with the whole 'magic' thing...for some reason. No spell I have ever cast has gone completely to plan.

**Drizella:** Well, good thing your whole job doesn't depend on it then!

**Anastasia:** Wait a minute... if you didn't pass your final exam, then how come you're able to be our Fairy Godmother?

**Fairy Godmother:** (*awkwardly*) Well...it was proving to be very difficult to find a fairy who was actually willing to be the Fairy Godmother of you two. It turned out that I was the only one left, so they had no choice but to assign you to me. Sorry. No offence.

**Drizella:** You say no offence... but I am offended!

*Anastasia and Drizella stomp off back to their seats in a huff. Both sit with their arms folded.*

**Fairy Godmother:** I'm sorry, but surely an almost-Fairy Godmother is better than no Fairy Godmother at all. And I promise you, I'm just as good as any other Fairy Godmother you could get! Well, uh... not quite. But I have been practicing!

*Anastasia and Drizella keep their arms folded.*

**Fairy Godmother:** Oh come on, there must be something I can do for you! How about a new outfit? Or what about a new hairstyle? The hairdressers might have been closed, but this wand can work wonders (*sisters look even more interested*). Or maybe you'd like a bit of a hand with all of your housework? It can't be much fun being maids in the palace, with a never-ending list of things to dust and mop and brush.

**Anastasia:** (*whispering*) Drizella?

**Drizella:** (*whispering*) Yes?

**Anastasia:** (*whispering*) I think we need to end the silent treatment.

# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

**Drizella:** *(whispering)* Good idea.

Both sisters turn to face the Fairy Godmother and rush towards her.

**Anastasia:** *(sweetly)* Fairy Godmother... we would just love it if you could get all of this housework done for us. We just have so much to do every single day and well...

**Drizella:** We really don't enjoy it!

**Anastasia:** Yes! And well...

**Drizella:** We're really not very good at it!

**Anastasia:** Yes, that too! And we have lots of other important things to do, so we don't have time to faff around with *(finger brackets)* cleaning and *(finger brackets)* tidying up.

**Fairy Godmother:** But isn't that what you're paid to-

**Anastasia:** *(cutting her off)* We are very busy people, you know! Our TikTok is really starting to take off *-(to camera)* 25 followers, thank you very much. But anyway, that is what we want Fairy Godmother – for all of our housework to be done! So you just work away and magic that broom and that mop to life, set them to work around the palace, and we'll get started on our new dance routine *(begin dancing)*.

**Fairy Godmother:** Whatever you want, I can do! Well, uh... try to do. *(anxiously)* Just remember... some of my spells are a bit hit or miss, so what I try to do... might actually end up having a few small side effects! But I'm sure it'll be fine...

*The sisters are not listening, as they are too busy working on their new dance routine.*

**Fairy Godmother:** *(taking a deep breath)* Here we go...

*Come to life,  
mop and broom,  
Come and tidy  
up this room,  
Do your job,  
make things clean  
Till they  
shine and glow and gleam!*

# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

*There is a sound effect to show that the Fairy Godmother has cast her spell. She looks very pleased with herself as she takes centre frame on the camera, but soon the sisters can be heard shrieking.*

**Anastasia:** Well, the room looks spotless but... there's just one small problem...

**Anastasia and Drizella:** What is that awful smell?!

**Fairy Godmother:** (*hiding her head*) Oh no, it happened again! I really didn't think it was going to happen this time, I've practiced, and I've practiced, and I really thought I had it!

**Anastasia:** Well, I think you'd better keep practicing!

**Drizella:** (*to Anastasia*) There are some wild smells that come out of you, but I've never smelt anything as bad as this!

**Anastasia:** (*pause*) Sorry, what was that? I can't even think straight because of this awful smell! What is that?!

**Fairy Godmother:** Yes, um... sorry about that. That seems to be the result of every spell I try to do... I've never been able to work out what causes it, or even worse... how to get rid of it!

*All characters are holding their noses.*

**Anastasia:** This is a disaster! What are we going to do? Cinderella and the Prince are going to think that we created that smell.

**Drizella:** (*sadly*) I suppose we may kiss our jobs at the palace goodbye.

**Anastasia:** Oh, if only we hadn't been so lazy! We should have just sucked it up and gotten on with all of our jobs, just like Cinderella did. Now we'll be stuck smelling this for the rest of our days.

**Drizella:** I think I've forgotten what fresh air even smells like. Are you sure there's nothing we can do to get rid of it?!

**Fairy Godmother:** I'm sure, I've tried everything! Oh, this is exactly the reason I failed my final exam – all the spells I tried out worked fine... but every time, they were accompanied by what can only be described as the smell of month-old sewage, rotten eggs, and a few old fish thrown in for good measure! (*head in hands*) I think my career is over!

**Anastasia:** Ours too.

*All characters sit in sombre silence, reflecting on what had happened.*

# Cinderella Script

## Scene One

**Drizella:** Hmm.

*Fairy Godmother and Anastasia look at her.*

**Drizella:** HmMMMM.

*Fairy Godmother and Anastasia continue look at her.*

**Drizella:** HmMMMMMMMM.

**Anastasia:** Drizella, would you just spit it out dear.

**Drizella:** Well, I might have had an idea about how we can get rid of the smell. Now, don't count on it, but... I think I heard a rumour that all of the boys and girls watching are expert scent-creators and designers.

**Anastasia:** Hmmm (*pauses*) Do you know what... I think you might be right! Maybe if we asked everyone in the class to design an air freshener for us, then we would be able to cover up the awful smell?!

**Fairy Godmother:** I had never thought of that! If we ask them to be as creative as possible with the scent and their design, it'll not only help with the smell but it'll also create some nice decorations for the palace! And most importantly...

**All together:** We can all keep our jobs!

**Drizella:** Let's ask them!

*All characters move forward and address the camera.*

**Drizella:** Hellooo boys and girls! Do you think you would be able to help us out and design an air freshener for us?

**Anastasia:** You can be as creative as you like – you can pick your favourite scent, a combination of scents, or maybe something that you think would be perfect for a palace. We'll take anything to help us get rid of this smell!

**Fairy Godmother:** Remember to be creative with your design too! You could draw something that shows us what the scent is, or you could come up with a unique pattern or design.

**Anastasia:** So... do you think you're up for the challenge?

*Anastasia and Drizella hold their hands up to their ears waiting for a response.*

**Anastasia:** Awk, isn't that amazing! Right, we're off to open up some windows – we'll see you and all of your air freshener designs very soon!

# *Cinderella Script*

## *Ending*

**Anastasia:** Thank you so much for helping us create an air freshener, boys and girls! The palace has never smelt better!

**Drizella:** We were blown away by all of your creative ideas! They were much better than anything we could have come up with; they were better than anything even our Fairy Godmother could come up with!

**Anastasia:** We have loved spending time with you, but it's time for us to go – we have a dance to perfect! Bye!

**Drizella:** Goodbye!

"She promised her godmother she would not fail to leave the ball before midnight;  
and then away she drives, scarce able to contain herself for joy."

*Charles Perrault, Cinderella*

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