Rope Dancer

Give Marguerite a High-Wire!

Imagine yourself in Paris in 1799 watching Marguerite, the young Madame Saqui, dance on a highwire! Let this activity captivate that imagination...

- 1) Locate a length of 1/4-inch rope, scissors, glue stick, and a stapler.
- 2) Fold this paper in half horizontally with young Marguerite on the outside of the fold. Keeping the paper folded, cut her out on the line. You should now have a mirror image of her with a fold at her feet.
- **3)** Insert the rope between the two Marguerites so it rests in the fold.
- 4) Spread glue on the inside of one Marguerite from her head to her waist. Carefully glue the two Marguerites together. She should now be wrapped around the rope.
- 5) Shape the paper base of her around the rope so it looks like her feet are resting on the rope.
- 6) Hold the stapler alongside her body (the back of the stapler beside her head) and punch a staple into each of the purple lines. (If your rope is thicker, ignore the purple lines and simply staple 1/4 inch from the rope.) She should now be able to slide across the rope.
- 7) Tie the two ends of rope to make a high-wire. Between two chairs? Between two trees? Two fences?
- **8)** Change your perspective. Go low and see her far above you. Draw or photograph her high-wire.
- 9) Consider sharing your high-wire creation online with the hashtag #MadameSaqui. And, as always, protect your privacy. Now gavotte!

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