

# Making a Backwards Sketchbook

A backwards sketchbook starts with drawings on paper which then get constructed into a book. They are a great way to both store your drawings, and to help learners reflect upon and rework existing drawings.

## Benefits:

- A way to collect together old drawings which might otherwise not have a life.
- An opportunity to reflect upon old drawings, and make new marks in response.
- The drawings can be removed if needed.

## You Will Need:

- A selection of old drawings made on paper. These might be drawings made as a result of drawing exercises.
- Elastic band
- Cardboard

## Process:

1. **Collect.** Collect old drawings of various sizes together.
2. **Make the Cover.** Cut a piece of cardboard twice the size of the finished sketchbook and fold it in half.
3. **Fold the Drawings.** Fold the drawings so that they fit in the sketchbook.
4. **Secure.** Secure with an elastic band.
5. **Revisit the old drawings by using the sketchbook** - you might choose to reflect upon the drawings and make notes in the sketchbook, or add new drawings to your old.



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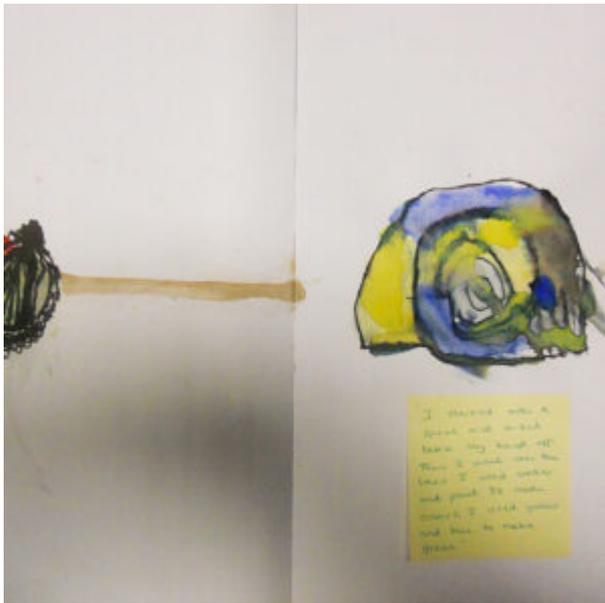
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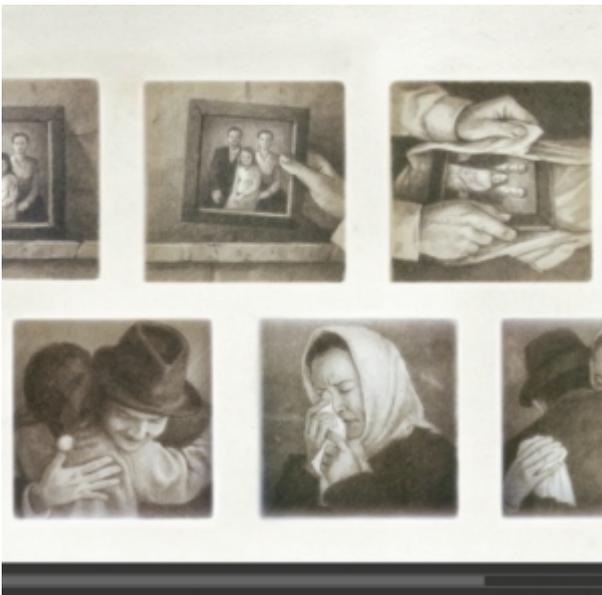


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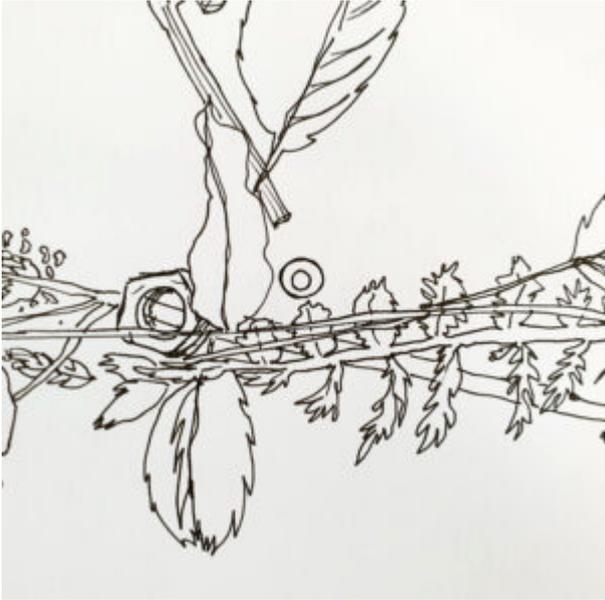


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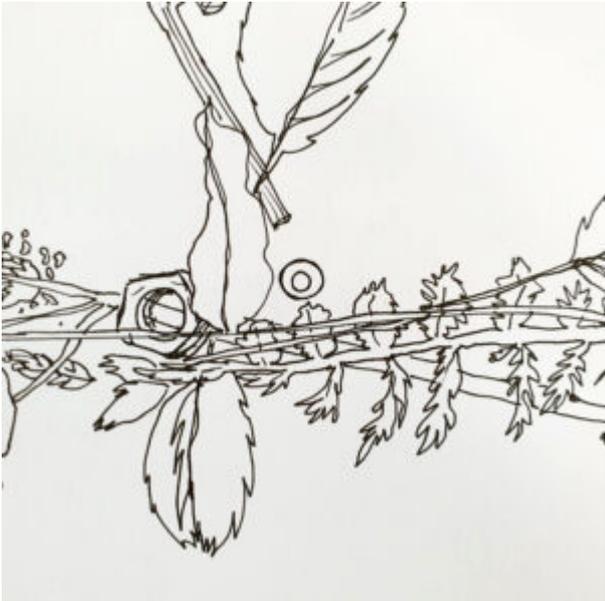


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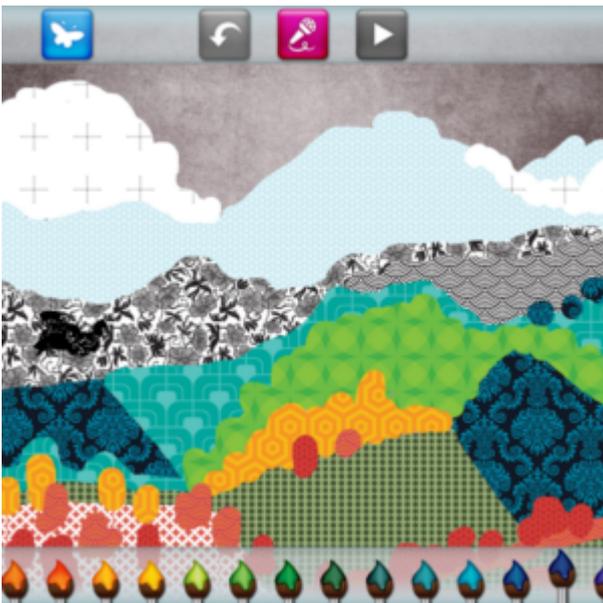


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