

Clay Moulds

In this post, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, shows, step-by-step, how teenagers explored plaster casting by making simple clay 'waste moulds' and then moved on to making simple 'two piece moulds'.

Alginate Casting

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray introduces teenagers to the process of casting with non-toxic and fast-setting alginate.

Drawing in the Dark: Developing a Visual Language

Animating Hands!

Using image frames from video to create quirky animations of hands moving!

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Using cut-out images against a green screen to make a simple stop motion animation.

For Remembrance Day

Anne-Louise Quinton creates a project for her Year 9 pupils to commemorate Remembrance Day. The teenagers worked collaboratively to create a collaged frieze of paper soldiers in response to an artwork by John Singer Sargent and a war poem by Wilfred Owen.

Japanese Sushi Inspires Our Art

Jan Miller leads a project enabling children to explore materials and learn from another culture by creating colourful, large-scale mixed media drawings inspired by food from Japan. This activity is suitable for older KS1 and KS2 children.

Japan – Ceramics Inspire Painting and Painting Inspires Ceramics

Jan Miller shares a class project that uses the work of a contemporary Japanese ceramicist to inspire vibrant paintings in a variety of materials. The children then used their own art to design ceramic vessels.

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Japan: Making Sushi – Recycled Style!

Inspired by research into Japanese culture, children explored the potential and limitations of paper and recycled materials,

learning through play and experimentation to make 3D forms. The outcomes of this process were used to inform work created in a second medium of clay, using kitchen equipment to shape the clay and add textures.

The Making of: “Being Creative Helps You Tackle Challenges in All Areas of Life”

Meet Bob! A cloth character with a bendy wire armature to animate in front of a green screen.

The Making of: Hand Coloured Photoshop Animation Frames

This post shares how one of the #BeACreativeProducer team members, Alex, developed his digital skills by working across iMovie and Photoshop to extract single frames from a movie, hand colour them in Photoshop, and then import them back into iMovie to complete the animated scene.

We used the technique as a visual to an aural backdrop of the teenagers working collaboratively on their musical composition.

Taking on the Inktober Challenge

Artist Morag Thompson Merriman taking on the Inktober Challenge and generously shares her process with AccessArt.

Three Approaches to Drawing

Melissa Pierce Murray proposes three approaches to challenge habitual ways of drawing by expanding the repertoire of marks and approaches.

Modelling The Head in Clay – by Melissa Pierce Murray

Screen Printing T Shirts for the How To Be A Creative

Producer Project

This post shares the process of screen printing t-shirts for the #BeACreativeProducer teenagers to wear to help them identify as a “team” for the animation project.

Modelling the Head in Clay Part 4 – Features

This is the final post in a series of posts following teenagers modelling a clay head over a term with artist Melissa Pierce Murray. In the final session of the series: Modelling the Head in Clay, we look at how to form the features: eyes, ears, mouth. We look at ways to finish and embellish the form using hair, clothing or inventing horns. In the class we talked about how the muscles attach to the bones, and how the skin smoothes over the surfaces.

Modelling the Head in Clay Part 3 – Skull

This is the third post in a series of posts we concentrated on creating a solid armature and clay foundation for our clay heads. In this post This post is the third in a series of posts following teenagers making a clay head over the course of a term with artist Melissa Pierce Murray. Here they concentrate on developing the shape of the cranium and

forehead, the structure of the eye sockets, cheekbones, jaws and teeth.

Modelling the Head in Clay Part 2 – Preparations

This post looks at two preparations for making a clay head: drawing to help us learn to see the form in the round, and taking measurements from life.

This is the second post in a series of resources showing how teenagers modelled a clay head over the course of a term.

Modelling the Head in Clay Part 1 – Armature

Making a Steel or Wood Armature is the first in a series of resources showing how teenagers modelled a clay head over the course of a term.