

What Is The Purpose of Drawing?

Through drawing we learn to look.

Through drawing we learn to explore.

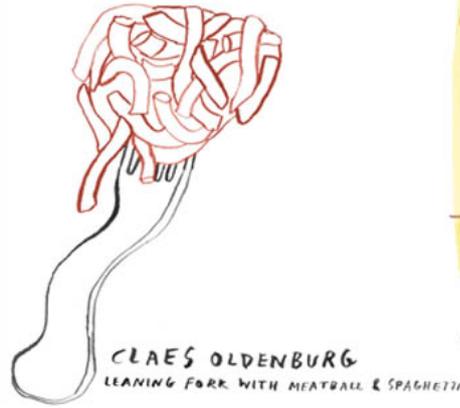
Through drawing we build our understanding.



Through drawing we communicate our ideas.

Through drawing we express and share our emotions.

Drawing might be an end in itself, or it might be a starting point towards other creative activities such as painting, sculpture, design and craft.

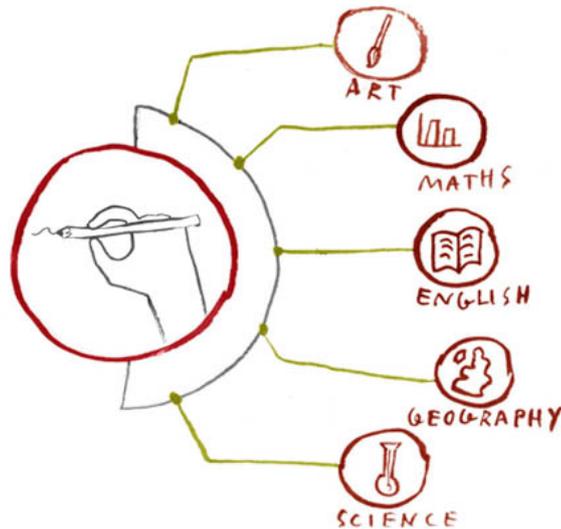


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And just as importantly, drawing enables us to assimilate information relating to other curriculum areas too, such as science, history and geography.



Our urge to draw is as old as we are. Unfortunately, all too often we get persuaded OUT of drawing. But by remembering that drawing serves many purposes, and can be many different things, we can make sure drawing remains useful and

enjoyable to as many people as possible.

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What Is Drawing?

Creating Patterns Repeat Rachel Parker With

What We Like About This Resource...

“This is a great activity for really tuning into colour and shape. The process is ultimately quite a refined one (ie making a pattern balanced and repeated ‘correctly’) – but there’s

plenty of scope for exploring pattern in a more experiential way prior to the refinement page. Try one of the recommended resources below to introduce pattern and begin with some open ended activities to build skill and confidence.” – Andrea, AccessArt

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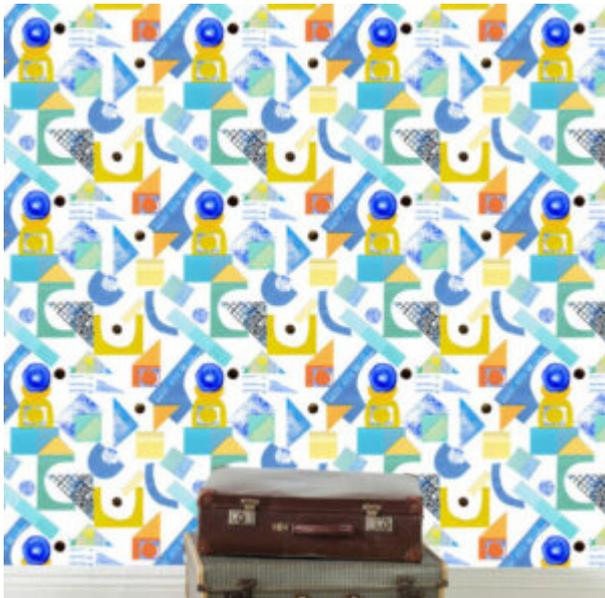
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Teachers Explore Pattern, Shape and Texture



Block Printing Repeat Patterns



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Making A Banner At Woking College

What We Like About This Resource...

**Working collaboratively towards a shared aim provides an alternative experience to working on individual projects. Creating together encourages listening, peer feedback and creative problem solving – all of which are hugely valuable in all areas of education” –
*Rachel, AccessArt***

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Collaborative Public Mural



Mural and Workshop Project

**Which Artists: The
Life & Works of
Madge Gill**

What We Like About This Resource...

“The life of Madge Gill that Sophie Dutton recounts here gives us real insight into the challenges that Madge Gill experienced, and how these challenges would have been common among women at the time. When we study the work of Artists, it adds a rich context to our experience of their work to consider their personal history, and helps us ask questions like ‘why do you think the Artist painted in this way or was inspired by this subject matter?’ If you introduce your

class to Madge Gill, begin with looking back over her younger life to try and better understand her motivations as an Artist” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Making Batik Textiles in the Classroom



How I Use Drawing and

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**Transformation of
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Transforming Materials into Sculpture

This pathway shares how teachers might take inspiration from El Anatsui and encourage pupils to think how they might disassemble objects around them to transform

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The Transformation Project

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Transforming Cardboard with Andrea Butler

Artist Andrea Butler shows how to explore simple design and construction using cardboard and jewellery. [Read More](#)

Turkish Map Fold

What We Like About This Resource...

“This activity is a great

example of how we can use paper as the focus of creativity. Often we use paper purely for drawing or painting on, but here, it is central to the activity itself. While these particular folded sculptures have their roots in Turkish culture, you could still deliver the activity if looking at things like Origami too, thus linking it across different cultures” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Which Artists: Liz West

What We Like About This Resource...

“It’s really interesting to hear how the interest Liz has in the quality of light comes from a personal place and is something she has responded to since childhood. Seeing how her work has developed over the years is therefore a really positive reinforcement that individual creative journeys, where nurtured, are so central to a rich arts education. We also love hearing Liz is always on the ‘quest for knowledge’ – meaning she is open to her ideas constantly evolving and the process of gathering new information and inspiration never stops!” – Rachel, AccessArt

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Pathway: Brave Colour



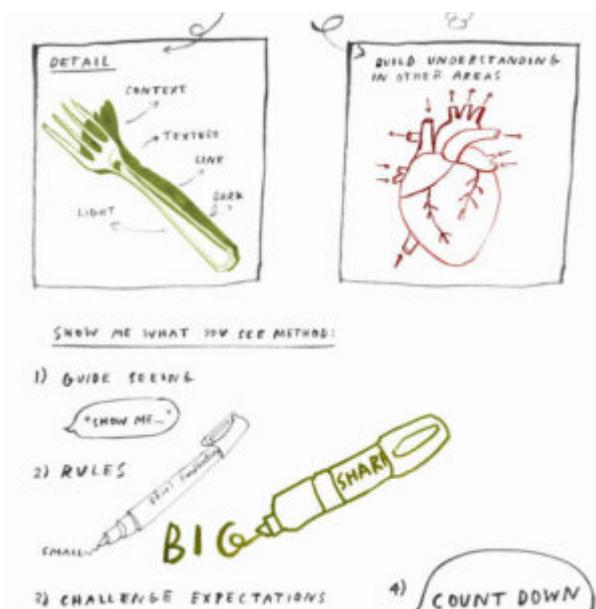
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using sketchbooks to make visual notes



Find out how pupils can respond to artists work in sketchbooks

Show me what you see



Enable close looking and drawing with this exercise

Lightbulb Art



Mini World Light Boxes



Visual Arts Planning: Light and Dark



World War I Mail Art

What We Like About This Resource...

“This project links poignant subject matter with meaningful art processes and local history. What we learn about the re purposing of materials, (in this case spent ammunition) re affirms how we can use what is around us as a starting point to making and creating. You could extend or adapt this project by looking at broken pottery, re purposing that into new sculptures that link with Roman or other local historical cultures” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Remembrance Day Soldiers



For Remembrance Day

**Which Artists:
Claire Harrup**

What We Like About This Resource...

“We really enjoyed reading about the process of creating art work according to a design brief and how the experience of this differs to when an artist begins with their own idea or concept. That’s not to say an artist can’t approach a brief with their own individual style and ideas, but what this post shows us is that there can be a balance between the two. This would be a great resource to show older KS pupils who may be beginning to consider their options beyond Primary School”.

– *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Pathway: 2D Drawing to 3D Making

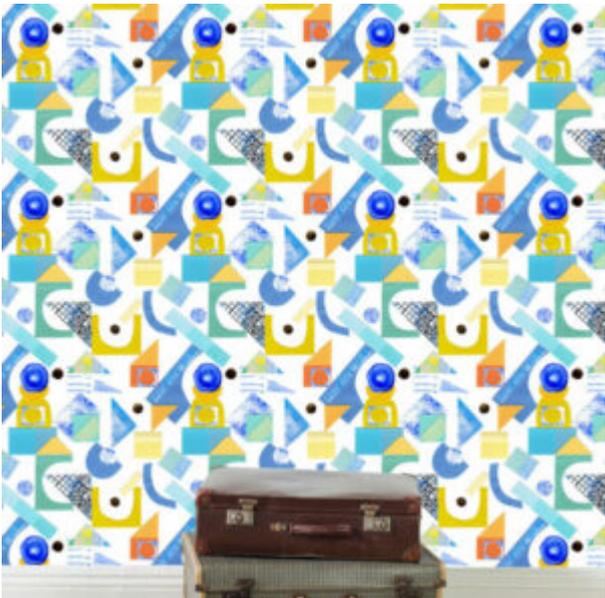


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Which Artist: Rachel Parker



Repeating Patterns



Block Printing Repeat Patterns



Which Artists:
Theresa Easton

What We Like About This Resource...

“It’s interesting to hear Theresa describe Printmaking as a social activity, with the shared use of materials and equipment so central to the practice. This could be a positive way of working for lots of children in school, where instead of just working on individual art work, they can collaborate and embrace the creative sharing experience!” – *Tobi, AccessArt.*

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Which Artists: Ava

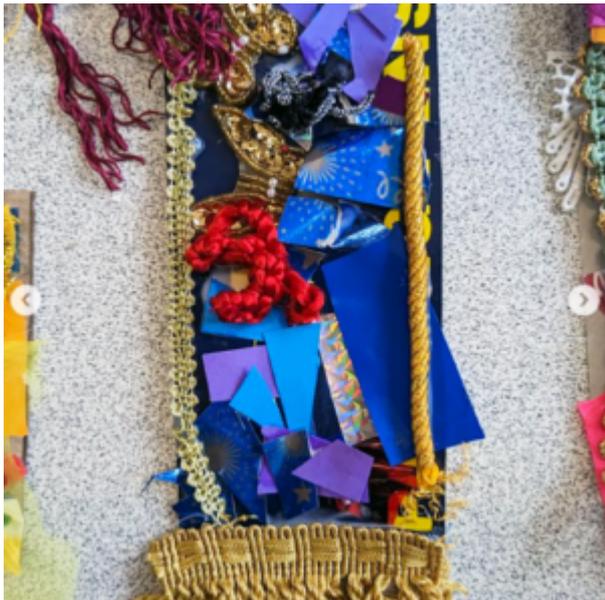
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Which Artists: 2B or Not 2B

Creativity Medals

See the Resource

Used in Schools...





What We Like About This Resource...

“The sentiment behind this

resource idea is lovely and it provides an opportunity to really develop some fine motor skills as well as independence of approach. Taking ownership of the medal design means the sense of achievement is heightened beyond the children just being given one. You can really imagine the positive energy that would surround this activity within a classroom, with each child working on a shared project but embarking on their own creative journey.” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Touch Wood

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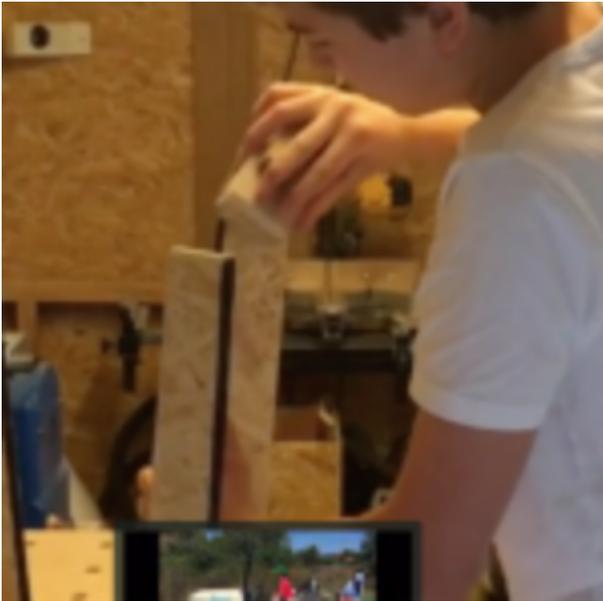
“You can get a real sense of the environment in this post and how this could provide so much inspiration for creative projects. We are aware there the challenges to exploring the outdoors when many schools are in towns and cities. A way around this could be to have a regular collection of natural objects within the classroom and using them as a stimulus to

respond creatively in sketchbooks or in extended projects” – *Andrea, AccessArt*

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Visual Arts Planning: Tees, Forest and

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**Which Artists:
Jason Line**

**What We Like About
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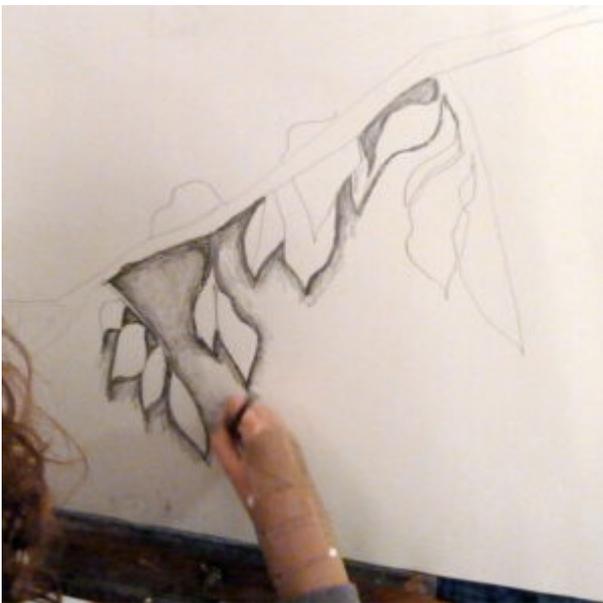
“It’s always so inspiring to hear how different artists work and we particularly like the detailed references Jake makes to his process – marking out the

composition using neutral tones; adding and taking away compositional elements and gradually building in more colour and detail. Delivering a still life session in a classroom could begin with this process and encourage the practice of looking at positive and negative space. Some suggested resources below also touch on this". – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Visual Arts Planning: Still Life

**Which Artists: Su
Blackwell**

What We Like About This Resource...

“It’s really interesting to hear how Su’s career path evolved organically, and how experimenting with different disciplines such as ceramics and sculpture whilst studying Textiles at the RCA began her journey towards paper craft and books. We really like how the small book sculptures inspired the larger scale set designs for The Snow Queen. They transfer so effectively to the stage and you can imagine how engaging it would be for a young audience to recognise letters and words on

lampposts and other scenic elements". – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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