

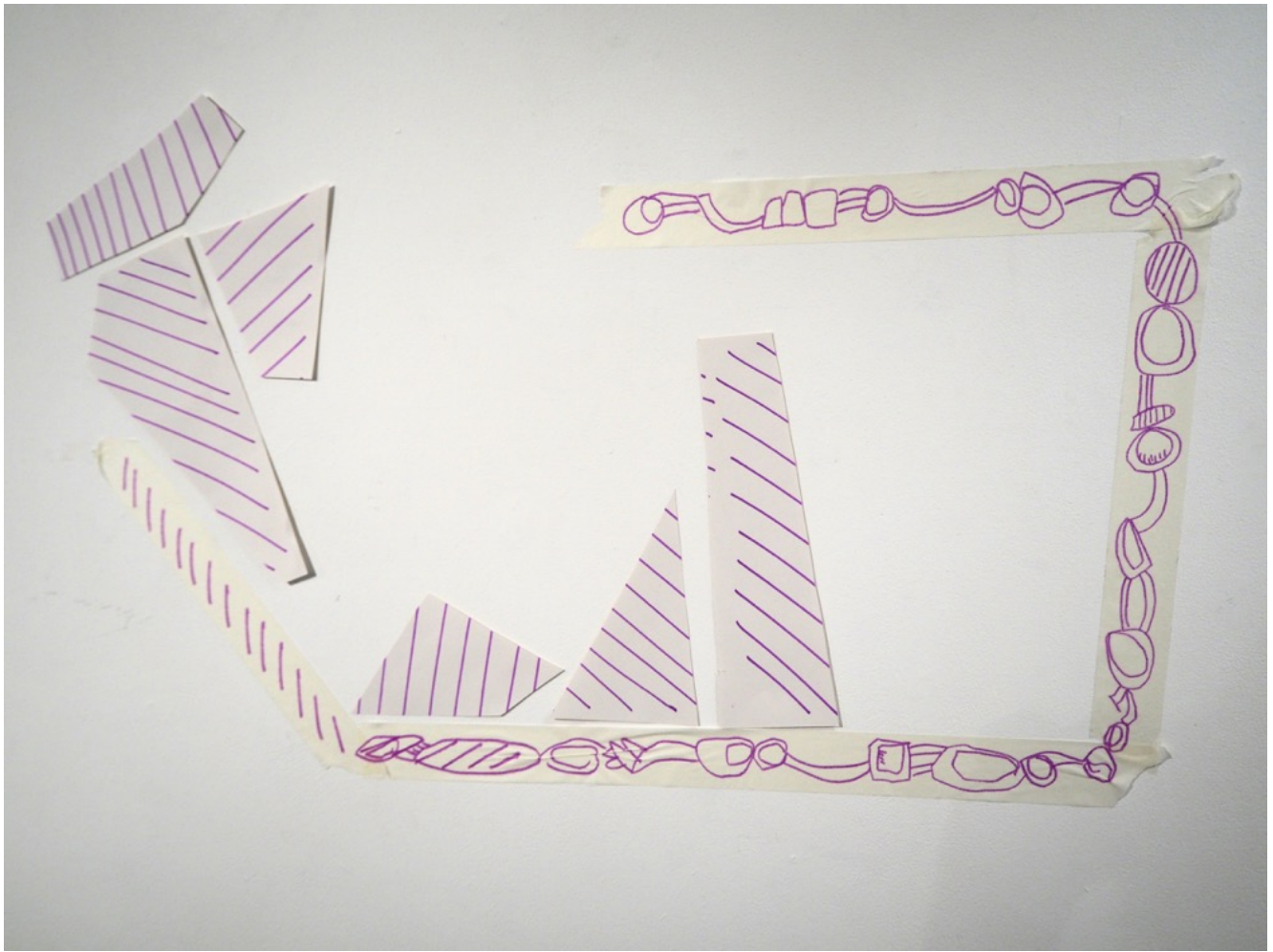
Wall Drawings with Tape

By [Melissa Pierce Murray](#)

In this session we used wide masking tape, paper and coloured markers to make large temporary wall drawings. The walls became immense extendable canvases and the studio a gallery space which we filled with dramatic and intimate artworks. Working this way allows you quickly create large compositions, by 'drawing' directly on the walls, and can be easily removed.

We could easily cover large areas of the wall using several methods:

- creating coloured patterns on paper to cut out shapes and tape to the wall
- sticking straight or curved lines of plain masking tape to the walls and then drawing directly on the tape
- using coloured electrical tape, or string or scrunched paper to create different textures.



Sticking tape and cut-out shapes to create wall drawings

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Painted Clay

A resource inspired by the Japanese art of dorondongo, where mud and dirt are shaped and buffed into highly polished spheres.

Classical Inks

Graffiti

In this class teenagers work with Melissa Pierce Murray and take inspiration from the motivations and methods of Graffiti artists.

Tall Skinny

Teenagers working with Melissa Pierce Murray used thin wire to make works with a strong presence. They began by looking at examples of works by two contemporary women artists including Phyllida Barlow and Rebecca Warren.

Layers

Teenagers draw on layers of acetate to make a palimpsest with Melissa Pierce Murray.

Simple Casting Techniques – by Melissa Pierce Murray

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray led a series of workshops for teenagers exploring a variety of casting techniques.

Hand Casts

In this post, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, shows, step-by-step, how teenagers made modroc casts of their hands.

Clay Moulds

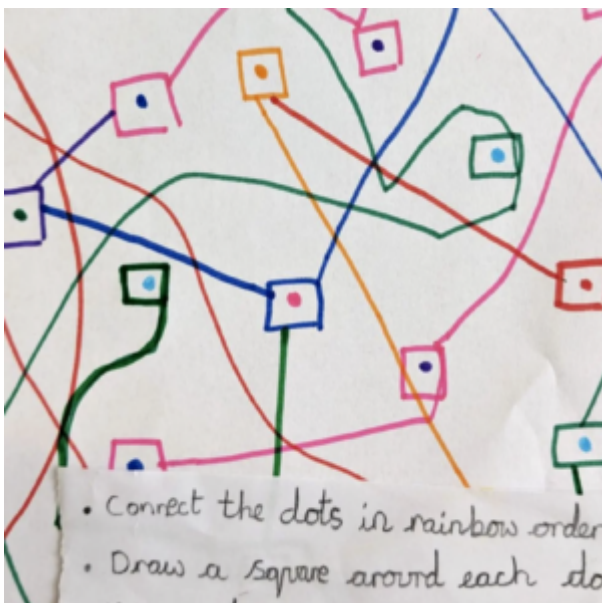
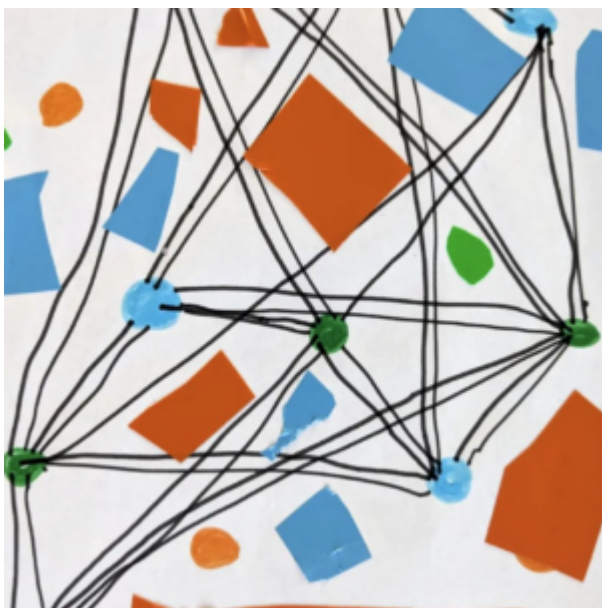
In this post, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, shows, step-by-step, how teenagers explored plaster casting by making simple clay 'waste moulds' and then moved on to making simple 'two piece moulds'.

Alginate Casting

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

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Journeys

Melissa Pierce Murray explores the theme of Journeys with teenagers. Inspired by the work of Kandinsky, teenagers explored how to capture the tone, texture and feel of a place or a movement.

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

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.

From Bones and Body to Structure and Form – by Melissa Pierce Murray

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray worked with teenagers from AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class on a series of workshops which physically explored drawing and sculptural

responses to form, forces and anatomy.

Beginning with Bones

In a workshop led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, teenagers make observational drawings of a 1/4 life size model of a skeleton to understand the structure of the human body. Students looked at how artists used armatures, including Alberto Giacometti and Henri Matisse.