

Filling a Sketchbook: Ruler Drawings

By Paula Briggs



Each week during the AccessArt Art lab for ages 11, 12, and 13 at [Wysing Arts Centre](#), students will be working in their sketchbooks undertaking a five or ten minute exercise.

The sketchbooks have been kindly donated by [Pink Pig International](#) and as well as filling them with the drawing exercises, children are also encouraged to use the books to help explore ideas related to the [main session](#). Creating sketchbook content like this which is a mixture of exercises and personal study should help fuel creativity and ownership.

[See all the sketchbook exercises undertaken during these sessions here.](#)

To Begin

I chose parsnips as a subject matter which was suitable for this activity as they have a familiar sculptural form and a surface containing contour lines.



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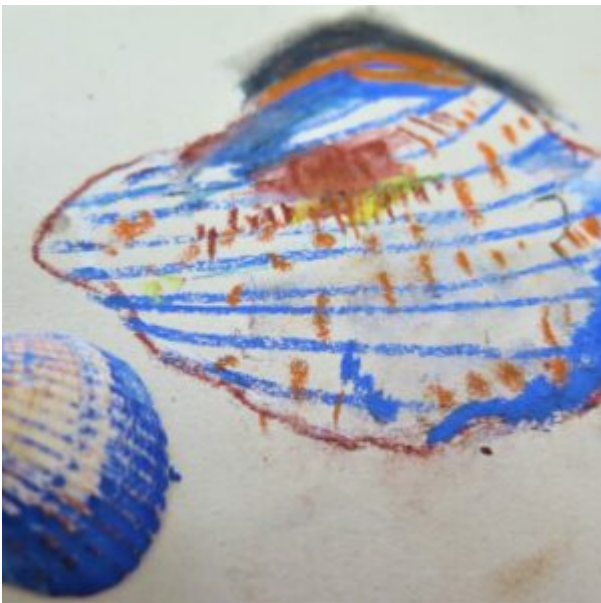
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Jan Miller: Our “Talented Art Teacher” Winner!

In 2016 AccessArt launched the [Children’s Art Competition](#), supported by Cass Art. Amongst the categories for children we had one for teachers, to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication we know you put in to inspiring and enabling children.

Thank you to all the teachers who entered – you filled us full of enthusiasm and passion!

We’re very pleased to announce the winner: Jan Miller from [Moreton Hall School](#) in Oswestry. Congratulations Jan!

Jan impressed us with the sheer energy and range of her work with the children – we’re sure the snapshot of images below will give you a flavour of the work she submitted. We hope Jan will be collaborating with AccessArt very soon to create some resources for us, so watch this space!

Jan Miller – Talented Teacher Award

“I completed my degree in Illustration at Kingston University followed by a PGCE at UCL. I have almost 20 years experience of teaching Art, across the full primary and secondary age spectrum. My interests particularly lie in the students’ development of observational drawing and mixed media. I strongly believe in the use of personal sketchbooks at all levels. I expect the older students to have the same confidence and spontaneity as their younger counterparts.

Similarly, I encourage the younger pupils to develop large work, over several sessions, alongside the older students. For several years I have been the Art Editor for SATIPS, a prep school magazine, to inspire Art teachers nationwide. I have recently developed Able, Gifted and Talented sessions for my own students and have extended this to a biannual event to other schools."

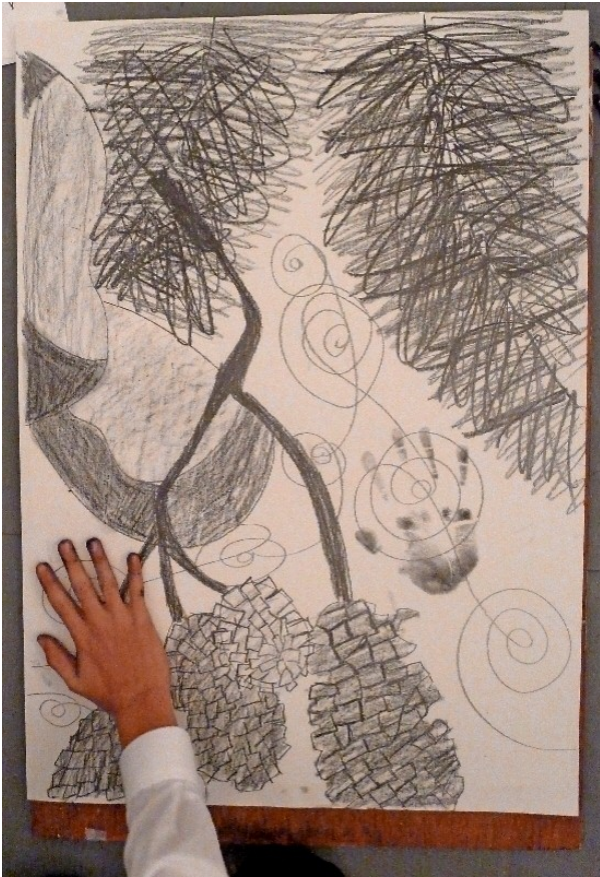
Teenagers Use Touch to Draw and Explore Small Objects

“Feely Drawings” or Drawing by Touch – a 5 minute drawing exercise



This short icebreaker or warm up exercise, led by Paula Briggs at the Drawing Workshops for ages 6 to 10, encourages the children to relax into their drawing session.

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Teenagers explored mark making, drawing 'blind' with the age old drawing tool 'the pencil' and softer graphite sticks. Sheila Ceccarelli

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