

Sketchbook Activities, Behaviours & Skills

Overview of the kinds of activities which might be encouraged in sketchbooks.

Making a Shy Drawing – Drawing Exercises for Beginners

Find out what a “shy drawing” is and how it can help you focus. These exercises and suggestions provide a focus which enables pupils and teachers to explore different aspects of making a drawing, including sound, action and intention. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Drawing Speed

Displaying Sketchbooks

Helpful advice about how teachers/schools/education rooms can display sketchbooks and embrace their unique qualities.

Sketchbook Teaching Tips

Tips and advice relating to best teaching practice when using sketchbooks in schools

Sketchbooks for Designers – An Introduction for Children

This module explores how sketchbooks can be a vital tool in any design process – whatever pupils are designing. Includes a module for pupils and teachers notes. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Doodle Ball: a 3-D Drawing Exercise for Active Learners

Doodle Balls are a great way to experiment with drawing on a 3 dimensional surface. They are also great for active learners – people who need to fiddle or doodle whilst they think. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

10 x Creative Sketchbook Exercises

10 simple ideas for generating sketchbook content. Suitable for use by adults or children. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Sketchbooks and Thinking Skills

This module is about helping to develop thinking skills in children and to widen and deepen their understanding of their own learning. Children are encouraged to ask themselves questions throughout the sketchbook process. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Sketchbook Warm-Up by Jo Blaker

An ice breaker sketchbook exercise shared by Jo Blaker – perfect for use in school. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Jo Blaker – Sketchbook

Emma Davies – an Artists' Sketchbook

Artist Emma Davies shares some of her sketchbook pages and her sketch book processes

Simple Stapled Sketchbook

Making a Washing Line Sketchbook

Making a washing line sketchbook is a great way to introduce children to some of the key ideas relating to working in a sketchbook. It's a nice sociable event which gets children to actively experience some useful sketchbook skills. Getting older children to work with younger children, and involving teachers too, can really help the energy of the workshop. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Sketchbooks as a Tool to Enable Personalised Learning

Sketchbooks can be a vital (and natural) tool with which to encourage children to personalise their own learning experience. This post explores how we can encourage children to own their sketchbook and how that ownership leads to a personalised learning space

Drawing from Life with Children & Making Cartoon Characters

Looking at ways to combine children's passion in drawing cartoons with developing their observation and mark making skills. This resources demonstrates how we encouraged children to draw from life, and then develop their drawings and make cartoon characters. [Full Access Art Members Only](#)

What's in a Name?

How does the name we give our "sketchbook" help define it's purpose?

Why Keep a Sketchbook? – printable pdf

A simple printable booklet (free to download) to inspire sketchbook use.

Sketchbook Journal Ideas

Three artists share their ideas about taking sketchbooks on journeys.

Preparation for Tool Box: List of Materials and Tools