

# 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](#)

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## Simple Stapled Sketchbook

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## 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](#)

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# 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

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## 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 AccessArt Members Only](#)

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## What's in a Name?

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

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# **Why Keep a Sketchbook? – printable pdf**

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

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## **Preparation for Tool Box: List of Materials and Tools**

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## **Simple Perspective Art Lesson for Young Children**

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## **One Line Street Scene: A Visualisation Warm Up Drawing**

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## Look Up, Not Down – Portrait Drawing Exercises

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**Making a Blind Contour Drawing**



**Inspired by Henri Matisse**



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**Making Halloween Props – A  
Gruesome Hand and Witches**

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## Making a Mask from Sticks and Tissue Paper

This resource describes how to make a simple, sculptural children's mask using everyday materials. The mask can be easily adapted to be themed to various times of the year, or used to make masks for performances, assemblies, costumes or puppets. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

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## Finger Palette Portraits – Fingerprint Drawing

Using marks made by fingers to make portraits. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

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## Drawing Cartoon Characters – A School Full of Characters!

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**DRAWING FROM LIFE & MAKING CARTOON CHARACTERS**



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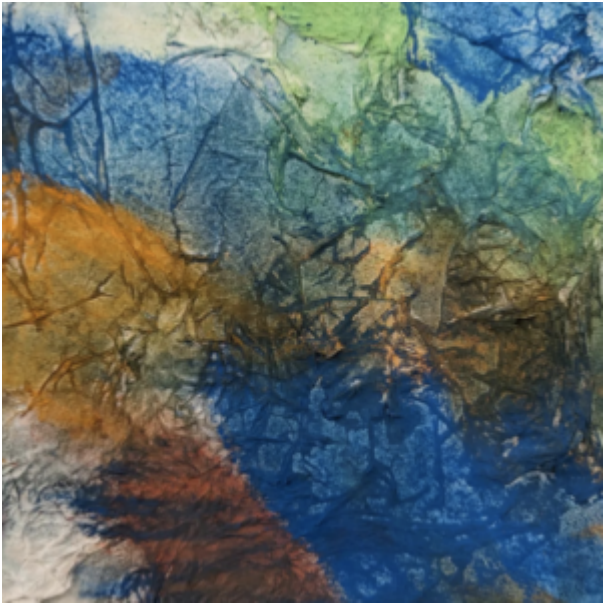
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## **Turning Paper into Fur – Creative Drawing Prompts**

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## Pathway: Making Birds



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## Drawing Like a Caveman – Handprint Art

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## Life Drawing for Children (and acting up a bit!)

Children loved this workshop in which we used props to

encourage children to draw each other. [Full Access Art Members Only](#)

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## **Sewn Signature Binding – A Sketchbook Idea**

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## **Elastic Band Sketchbook**