

Making the Gift of Home this Winter

The AccessArt Village in the Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge and how to celebrate community, creativity and home.

Japan: Making Sushi – Recycled Style!

Inspired by research into Japanese culture, children explored the potential and limitations of paper and recycled materials, learning through play and experimentation to make 3D forms. The outcomes of this process were used to inform work created in a second medium of clay, using kitchen equipment to shape the clay and add textures.

The Making of: “Being Creative Helps You Tackle Challenges in All Areas of Life”

Meet Bob! A cloth character with a bendy wire armature to animate in front of a green screen.

Pop-Up Puppets Inspired by a Historical Painting

Year three children design and make pop-up puppets inspired by the story in the painting “Penelope with the Suitors,” by Pintoricchio (1509), working with their teacher Jan Miller.

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Sensory Spaces: An Autism-Friendly Project

To Connect



At the beginning of the project it was important to take time getting used to each other, the learning space and the surrounding environment. Below is a list of considerations you may find helpful to use in your own learning spaces. Be aware of the daily sounds, smells and other textures of life in your learning space; a constant humming noise or flickering light may be stressful for a child with autism. Allow time for everyone to feel their way in the space; connections may be made through the use of different senses and body parts.

To Conceal



During the six week project, the group explored different themes and actions, some of these were displayed through learning schemas. In week 2 we experimented with different ways to conceal ourselves and objects; schemas such as enveloping and enclosure were exhibited by the group.

To Colour



Two of the sessions explored the theme of colour. The first was rather abstract, I asked questions such as; What does colour smell like? What does colour feel like?

For a child on the autistic spectrum, a question like this may be confusing, some autistic people think and understand literally. So instead of directing these questions at the children, I answered and speculated on them myself. These abstract questions became vehicles for the workshops documented below.

To Construct



In my final post on the project, I want to reflect on the theme of To Construct... looking at the different ways we constructed during the project. Please remember this is a personal and artistic reflection, based on the ideas I presented and the (emotional and physical) reactions and responses of the children and their families, who inspired changes and the development of the project as we experienced it.

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Sculptures with Personality, Inspired by Anglo Saxon Houses

This resource shares a 3 hour session with Year 6 children from Barton Church of England Primary School. Children were studying the Anglo Saxons and we thought it would be a good opportunity to explore making skills.

Led by Paula Briggs, children to “make sculptures inspired by” an Anglo Saxon Village.

Make a Stitched Drawing of a House in an Hour

Doodling with Stuff

Paula Briggs shows how to create a safe environment for pupils to explore a range of materials which they would be able to manipulate and transform.

The August Creative Challenge Gallery – Week Four

Supersized Jewellery

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Draw your Home: Collage, Stitch and Fabric Crayons

Brushes, Rollers and Dabbers – Year 4 Pupils Use Mixed Media to Make Mark Making Tools

to explore constructing in mixed media and using inventiveness and innovation to create painting tools, which would later be used to paint a Communal Drawing of the River.

Making Collographs with Andy Mckenzie: Week One

Artist, Andy Mckenzie worked with teenagers for two, one and a 1/4 hour sessions and introduced them to making collagraphs.

Perseverance, Determination and Inventiveness: Building Nests

Year 4 pupils from Comberton Village College and Cambourne Village College feeder schools met for a Gifted and Talented Sculpture Masterclass led by AccessArt at Bourn Primary Academy. The session centred around an exploration of the materials and construction methods we might use to build inventive, sculptural nests.

Barbie & Ken Transformation

This adaptable resource shares how we transformed Barbie dolls using paper, fabric, modroc and paint. We had great fun researching and designing costumes and exploring appropriate materials. By Paula Briggs

Teenagers Improvise a Shadow Puppet Play

Enjoy following how the saga of a lion., a dog, a goat, a stegosaurus, and an 'animal fairy', told by Sophia and

improvised by this creative 'Experimental Drawing' team

A Wealth of Materials in Scrapstores

printmaking with salvaged sticky back aluminium foil, mixed media and cardboard

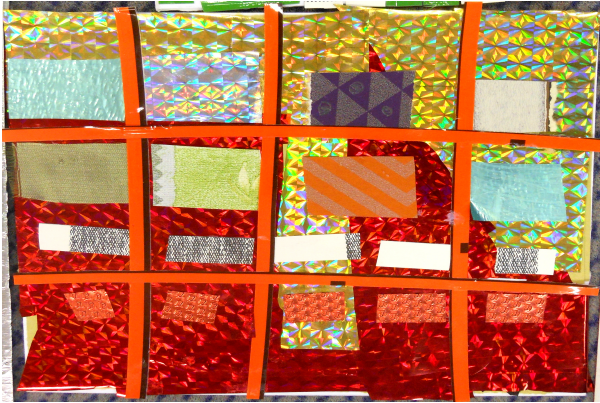


Make a sketchbook, an ideas book or a travel journal this summer!



pattern and collage a whole school

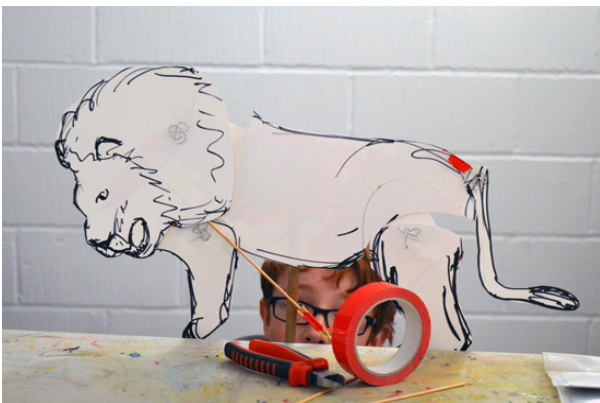
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Sculptural Birds in Flight by Teenage Makers



Articulated and Animated Drawings by Teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class



A Model Studio by Susie Olczak



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