Which Artists: Cas Holmes

By Cas Holmes

In this resource Textile artist Cas Holmes shares her everyday connections with place. Cas talks about her interests in the symbolism of everyday, from the need for the things we recognise as ours such as family, to the need to eat. This resource takes us through the journey of Cas's childhood memories, her travels to India and the exploration of her Romani Heritage through her textiles practice.



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"The sense of journey and feeling of movement is such an interesting part of Cas' textile work here. We love how location and place is communicated through the variety of fluid and meandering textile marks used. Cas' Romani background as well as early experience living in Japan make for a rich cultural backdrop to her work. The themes here could be explored in the classroom by asking children to use memories of places they've visited to produce a creative response using fabrics and mixed media" — Rachel, AccessArt

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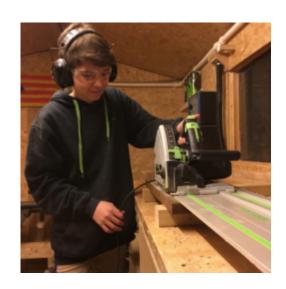
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"There's a really fun element to this activity which is you can imagine all children really enjoying! The idea of food on large scale is a great starter for a sculpture project and an early exploration of working in 3D. What's really positive to see in this project is how the children used their sketchbooks to design their ice creams prior to working in 3D. They then had the opportunity to re visit and refine their ideas as they worked. This provides a sold foundation for the concept of design development and design through making- both of which underpin any visual arts or design project or profession. For more support on how to develop sketchbook practice in your setting please see our Sketchbook Journey" -Rachel, AccessArt

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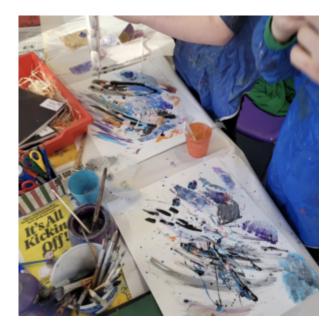










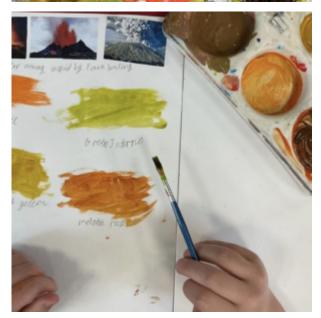


















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"We love how this activity provides an opportunity to explore a well known Artist's work, through focussing on their materials and techniques. The children looked at Frank Bowling's work before creating their own individual responses that retained individual ownership — something we advocate as part of a rich and balanced visual arts education. It was also great to see how a professional artist visited the school to further enhance the children's experience." — Rachel, AccessArt

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"These are such beautiful and evocative images - certain to inspire. There is a lot of potential for schools to explore Gabby's work as a way to

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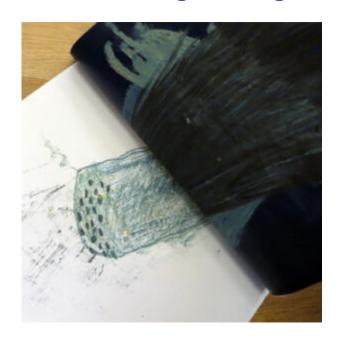
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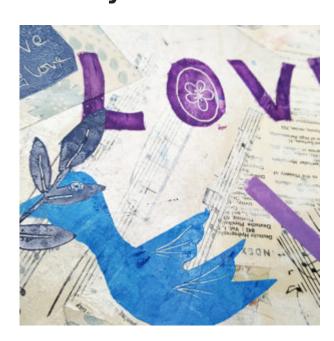
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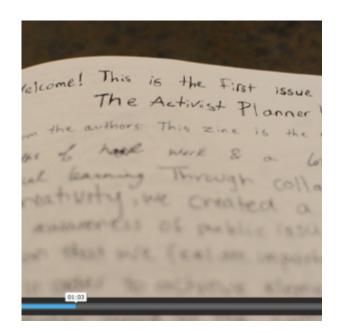


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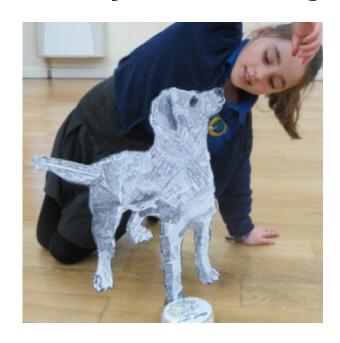


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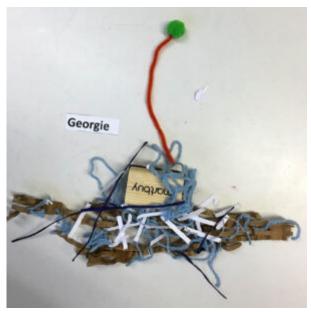
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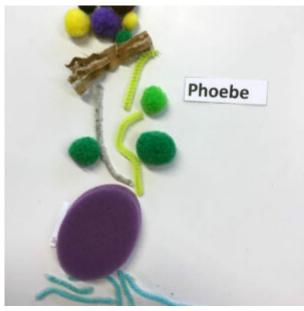


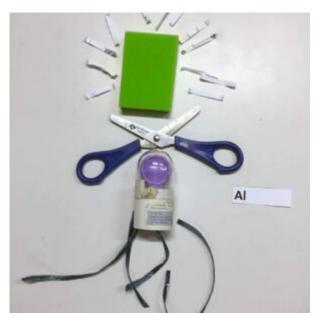
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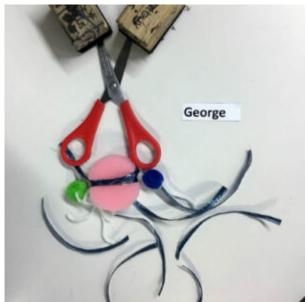
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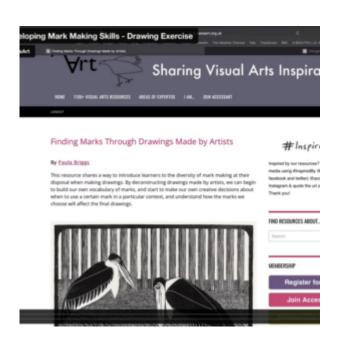
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