

Hew Locke Inspired Boats

By [Jan Miller](#)



In this project, children explore the theme of boats through 2D and 3D. Beginning with drawing in charcoal, the children move onto creating colourful collages of boats before developing their making skills by constructing boats from scrap cardboard, which are then painted in bright colours and decorated with objects and mixed media. The artist [Hew Locke](#), inspires the playful making in this project with his use of found materials and his [installation of 40 boats made from scratch](#). This enjoyable project sees confidence built as all responses are valued, with team work and supporting each other key in the success criteria.

Due to the extended nature of this project, and in order to make the most of the activities, the full content could be

explored over a full half term.

Introduction

Opportunity to make is incredibly important in the primary curriculum, and we are positively encouraging it! When questioned, it appears children are making less at home - whether modelling or building – so responsibility falls with schools to provide experiences to develop these building blocks of foundation skills....and they love it!

Activity Objectives

This boat project develops children's individual response to making, using recycled and found materials. Large scale drawing from photographs, as well as design drawings support the modelling. Mixed media work develops creativity by using painted collage. Collaborative as well as individual pieces are developed. The project was thoroughly enjoyed, particularly when the children were given choices of materials, and responsibility to resource the project themselves and justify decisions. The lessons were positive, lively, busy and productive with classroom chatter focussed on decision-making, planning, agreeing and evaluating. The project was very much steered by the children's interests.

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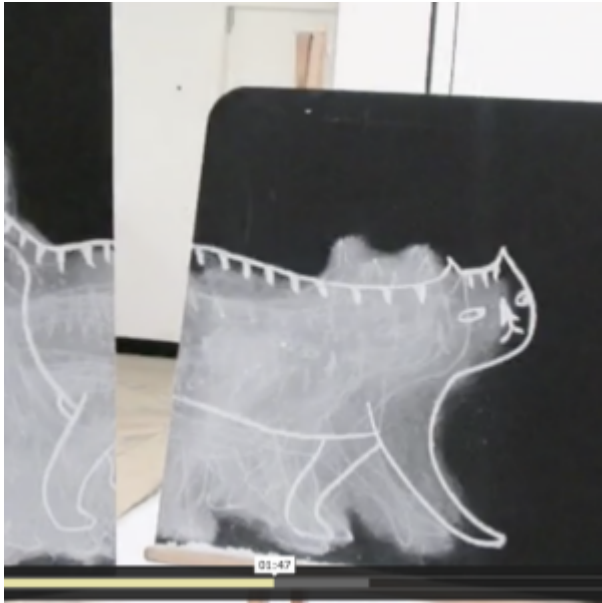
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Renaissance painting of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo Del Sellaio at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, and how she used the project to progress pupils' making skills throughout the year groups.

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Unesco: Celebrating the Power of Making!

Inspired by Paula's recent rousing film, 'It's in Our Hands', artist Jan Miller pulled images together from her own teaching to illustrate the things the children in her classroom do with their hands

Flying Minpin Birds

Roald Dahl's The Minpin Birds inspired Arbury school pupils to design and make their own birds for a tiny Minpin to ride upon. Alongside this project, the class drew their own maps of imaginary worlds and imagining themselves as Minpins.

Mini World Light Boxes

Teacher Anna Campbell shares this beautiful resource which shares how children aged between 4 and 7 years old, made 'Light' boxes. This project could easily be adapted for an older class and is brilliant for SEN children/adults.

Painted Clay

A resource inspired by the Japanese art of dorondongo, where mud and dirt are shaped and buffed into highly polished spheres.

Abstract Face – Relief Sculptures

In this construction and painting resource, students make an abstract face, relief sculpture from cardboard, adding colour, texture and metal findings. This resource was inspired by the work of Kimmy Cantrell, a self-taught contemporary artist who uses asymmetry to question long-established views around beauty.

Anthropomorphic Paintings

Animal

This painting activity looks at giving human characteristics to animals. Anthropomorphism is making something which is not human, more human like for e.g Miss Piggy, Mickey Mouse and the characters created by Beatrix Potter. This activity was inspired by the paintings of two contemporary artists who use anthropomorphism in their work, Ken Hoffman and Svjetlan Junakovic.

Decorative Clay Coil Pots

Artist educator Sharon Gale working with KS1 & KS2 students at the Weston Park Art Club shares a clay pot making resource: "This is not the traditional way of making coil pots but it's lots of fun and by using different paint effects, the end results can be very interesting. We worked on this project for two, two hour sessions".

'Painting' with Plasticine

In this resource, students create an A4 plasticine painting on mountboard, in a theme of their choice. The artwork is completed with a painted border using water based paints. This project took six, one hour sessions to complete but if you can't allocate that amount of time, reduce the size of the mountboard to A5 or smaller.

Clay Art Medals

In this three stage resource, students make a circular medal from clay depicting their own profile, look at examples of fun lettering and devise a short, fun or meaningful phrase to paint inside their portrait profile.

The Wildflower Meadow

Rachel Burch, Head of Art at Burton Hathow Preparatory School and her pupils explore simple drawing, collaging and painting techniques to create beautiful artworks inspired by a summer meadow.

Clay 'Portrait' Miniatures

This two stage clay and painting resource by artist/educator Sharon Gale is very versatile because essentially the miniatures are blank canvasses. In this particular workshop, the subject matter had to link with KS2 Geography and the topic of rivers. Students were asked to research their favourite creature or plant, that made the British riverside its home. They made their miniatures from clay and painted their chosen wildlife onto them.

Painting A Rainbow Forest

Rachel Burch, Head of Art at Burton Hathow Preparatory School and her pupils paint their own large scale, colourful forest inspired by AccessArt's resource 'Painting A Bluebell Forest'. Rachel shares her process in this resource.