

Making Shells

This was an afternoon session for year four pupils at Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge, and part of AccessArt's Brilliant Makers Club, a campaign supporting and championing making experiences in schools. This session was aimed at children who love making, and was limited to eight pupils, to allow for a rich, and rewarding experience and plenty of time to play with, and explore materials.

Making Boats that Float Out of Everyday Materials

What Makes a Boat Float? This was an afternoon session for year four pupils at Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge, and part of AccessArt's Brilliant Makers Club, a campaign supporting and championing making experiences in schools. By Sheila Ceccarelli

Sculptural Constraints Workshop by Susie Olczak

This workshop, for students at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, looked at the idea of the constraints that might come up when creating a sculpture for a gallery or public space, and hoped to give a sense, that often the things that might initially hinder a project, can actually be a

source of inspiration and good starting points for creativity.

Conquering SATs Stress with Seats

After two terms of sitting on the same blue chairs being taught (and taught very well!) the same curriculum, artist, Paula Briggs wanted to remind these year six children, that they were all individuals with different areas of skills and unique personalities and that they were all valued as such.

Exploring Casting with Latex Animal Moulds

Paula Briggs describes how one of her first experiences of understanding the casting process was through the use of latex moulds and fine casting plaster (plaster of Paris) and how exciting it was to reveal the plaster forms!

Drawing Into Space with

Melissa Pierce Murray

In this session, artist Melissa Pierce Murray invited students to create three-dimensional drawings from tape, string and paper, using the entire room as our canvas.

World in a Matchbox

Children love working on a miniature scale where they can create worlds which they can control and oversee. AccessArt and Mencap have devised the “World in a Box” activity to enable children plenty of creative freedom resulting in fantastic autobiographical artwork.

Making Finger Puppets

AccessArt and Mencap have got three great ways for you to make finger puppets depending on your time or level of expertise. Starting with a simple print, colour, cut and stick and moving on to a full blown sculptural version, we hope you are inspired to make some puppets and possibly put on a show!

Drawing with Objects by Melissa Pierce Murray

Teenagers explore ideas of placement with artist Melissa P Murray by arranging or assembling objects to make compositions or maquettes.

Making Paper Masks for Carnival and Mardi Gras

Making a Carnival Mask with the help of an AccessArt Template.

Arts and Minds: Manipulating Clay with Water

This post shows how to facilitate a sensory session exploring water and clay.

Making Giant Withie Lanterns

With 'festivals of lights' in November and December, teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing class had a fun time

constructing giant lanterns out of withies and wet-strength tissue paper.

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.

Supersized Jewellery

More Making and Drawing projects for children



Make, Build, Create and Drawing Projects for Children, BlackDog Publishing 2015/2016

Rio 2016! – Sporty / Sunbathing Dolls

Inspired by Rio 2016, the AccessArt Friday Club made dolls from modroc and wire, exploring costumes and personality!

Steampunk Robots: A Kitbash Sculpture Unit

This resource, by Esmé Dawson, shows the processes students went through to create a robot sculpture that could live in a steampunk world. The main technique used was 'kitbashing;' the art of making a sculpture by taking bits out of broken plastic toys or using found and recycled objects.

Take a Seat Gallery

Enjoy these chairs!

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 Mini Food

Making mini meals from Sculpey or Fimo clay takes good eye sight and nimble fingers! Here are some tips and tricks I have learnt along the way.

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.