Which Artists: Claire Harrup

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Claire Harrup is a successful Illustrator and Printmaker based in the UK. With Agencies in both the UK and the US representing Claire, and a portfolio packed with Editorial and Book Illustration, and Packaging Design, Claire has gone on to create work on an international scale. In this post Claire talks about her journey into the creative industry as well as the projects that she has worked on more recently and her favourite ways of working. This post would be of interest to teenagers keen to explore the realms of the creative industry and all that it has to offer an Illustrator.



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"It's always so inspiring to hear how different artists work and we particularly like the detailed references Jake makes to his process – marking out the composition using neutral tones; adding and taking away compositional elements and gradually building in more colour and detail. Delivering a still life session in a classroom could begin with this process and encourage the practice of looking at positive and negative space. Some suggested resources below also touch on this". – Rachel, AccessArt

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