Which Artists: The Life & Works of Madge Gill

By Sophie Dutton

In this post Art Director and Curator Sophie Dutton talks about the life and works of artist Madge Gill. As a self-taught artist born in the late Nineteenth Century, Madge created meticulous small-scale and monumental works, skilfully exploring different techniques and formats including paints, inks and textiles. A life time of drawing, painting and embroidering has resulted in a rich tapestry of the life of Madge Gill. Sophie Dutton takes us on a journey of Madge Gill's life and work, through extracts of her book Madge Gill by Myrninerest and the monumental exhibition Nature in Mind.



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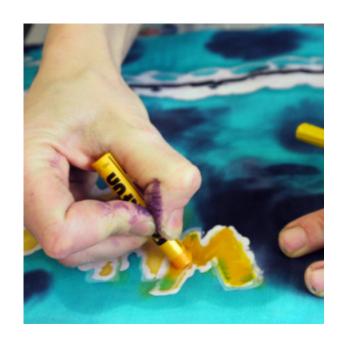
"The life of Madge Gill that Sophie Dutton recounts here gives us real insight into the

challenges that Madge Gill experienced, and how these challenges would have been common among women at the time. When we study the work of Artists, it adds a rich context to our experience of their work to consider their personal history, and helps us ask questions like 'why do you think the Artist painted in this way or was inspired by this subject matter?' If you introduce your class to Madge Gill, begin with looking back over her younger life to try and better understand her motivations as an Artist" — Rachel, AccessArt

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Which Artists: Liz West

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"It's really interesting to hear how the interest Liz has in the quality of light comes from a personal place and is something she has responded to since childhood. Seeing how her work has developed over the years is therefore a really positive re enforcement that individual creative journeys, where nurtured, are so central to a rich arts education. We also love hearing Liz is always on the 'quest for knowledge' — meaning she is open to her ideas constantly evolving and the process of gathering new information and inspiration never stops!" — Rachel, AccessArt

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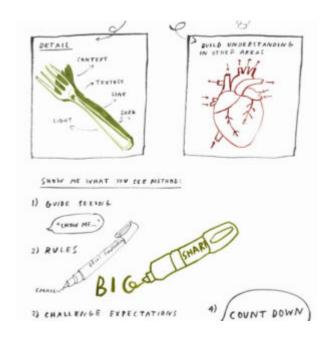
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"The sense of journey and feeling of movement is such an interesting part of Cas' textile work here. We love how location and place is communicated through the variety of fluid and meandering textile marks used. Cas' Romani background as well as early 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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Children's Community Project

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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.

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Sheila Ceccarelli from AccessArt leads year nine students from Frances Bardsley Academy for Girls on a collective drawing and collage experience exploring the #AccessArtVillage in BRG Brentwood Road Gallery. Students absorb this stunning collection of sewn houses and inspired by thread and stitches, make their own creative responses.

Draw, Paint, Build, Make: Gallery Project

Making a Pocket Gallery

This post shares an idea devised by Anne-Louise Quinton in which she enables children and teenagers to revisit the "ordinary" and resee it's potential. The activity is a great way not only to inspire children as artists and curators, but also to introduce them to a whole range of concepts and vocabulary. It would be a great activity to use in a museum and gallery education context, as well as the classroom.

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Inky Objects with Melissa Pierce Murray

In this workshop I introduced the idea of thinking of the piece of paper as an object to shape, rather than a picture plane to fill.