

Introduction to 'Tone' by Hester Berry

By Hester Berry

This resource is one of [four resources](#) created by painter Hester Berry which aim to introduce some basic drawing and painting concepts to primary-aged children and their teachers. [See all the resources in this series here.](#)

Introduction

"Tone" is the word we use to describe light and dark, or light and shadows.



'Inside the Cabin at Bucks Mills', acrylics by Hester Berry

We can use dark or light paint to make our pictures look as if

there is light shining within them, or to make them look as if objects, people or places are in shadow.

Tone can also tell us other things about things in the painting. Here are some ideas for discussion with children:

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In this project young teenagers were given the opportunity to paint on a larger scale; to explore working big whilst immersing themselves in colour. We were all inspired by the spring!

Students transformed the room into a bluebell forest in cyan, magenta and process yellow Scolaquip acrylic paint. By Sheila Ceccarelli

How to Make Beautiful, Liquid Drawings Inspired by Degas

This resource looks at drawings by the French artist, Edgar Degas (1834-1917), and how to enable the production of beautiful, 'inky drawings' in the classroom. This resource was created in collaboration with AccessArt and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

Making Monotypes Inspired by Degas

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Beginning with Bones

In a workshop led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, teenagers make observational drawings of a 1/4 life size model of a skeleton to understand the structure of the human body. Students looked at how artists used armatures, including Alberto Giacometti and Henri Matisse.

Dancing Bones

Inspired by real anatomical drawings of human, ape, cat, lion, horse and dog skeletons, teenagers build 'life size' and 'oversize' collages of 'dancing skeletons' – This workshop was led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray

Animating Old Books

The AccessArt Village and How a Small Idea can be Big

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.