

Nests: Observational Ink Drawing

By [Mandy Barrett](#) and [Jo Blaker](#)

In this second of a series of three posts, Teacher Mandy Barrett and Artist Jo Blaker journey on a project that considers the materials and structures of nests. In this second post the class developed and built upon their earlier mark making work using ink to observe and draw a series of natural objects.

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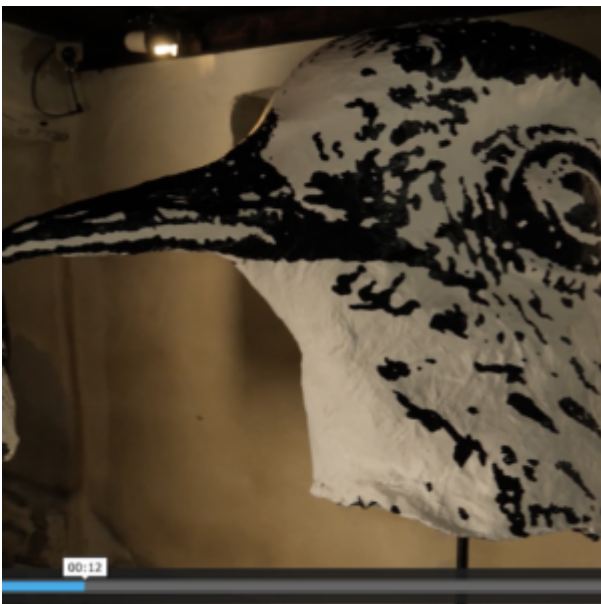
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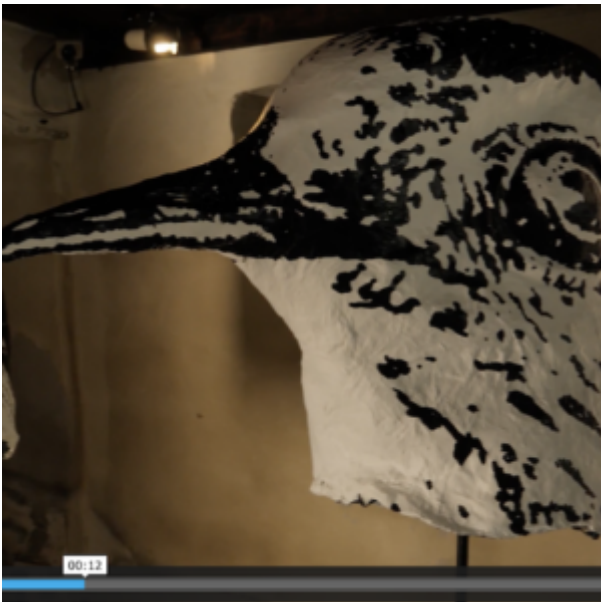
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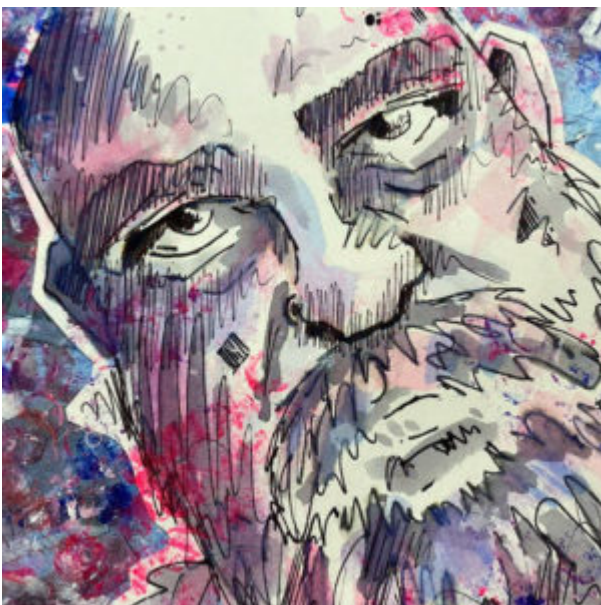
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"We're really grateful to Jake from Draw Brighton for sharing this activity which became so well received during lockdown 2020.

This is the perfect reminder that wherever we are in the digital or physical world, we have our eyes, hands and faces, and drawing provides a wonderful opportunity to come together in small groups to make sketches of each other. Use this activity as an ice breaker before a workshop, or as a transition activity between classes or events. Thank you Jake!" *Paula, AccessArt*

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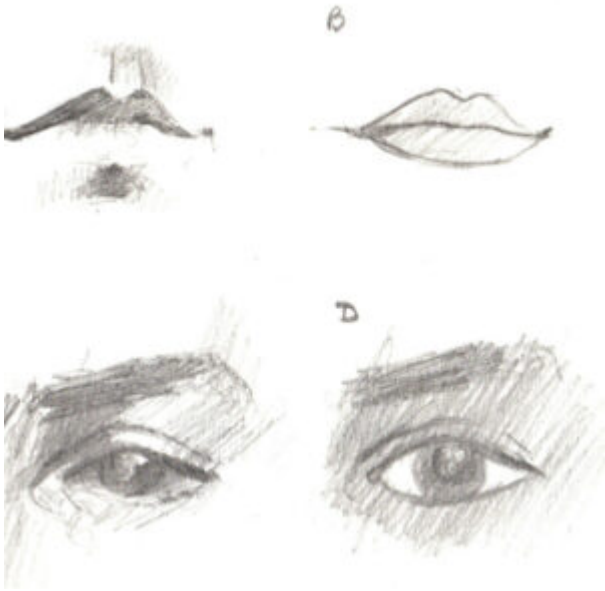
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Session Recording: Finding Marks Made by

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Finding Marks Through Drawings Made by Artists

By Paula Briggs

This resource shares a way to introduce learners to the diversity of mark making at their disposal when making drawings. By deconstructing drawings made by artists, we can begin to build our own vocabulary of marks, and start to make our own creative decisions about when to use a certain mark in a particular context, and understand how the marks we choose will affect the final drawings.

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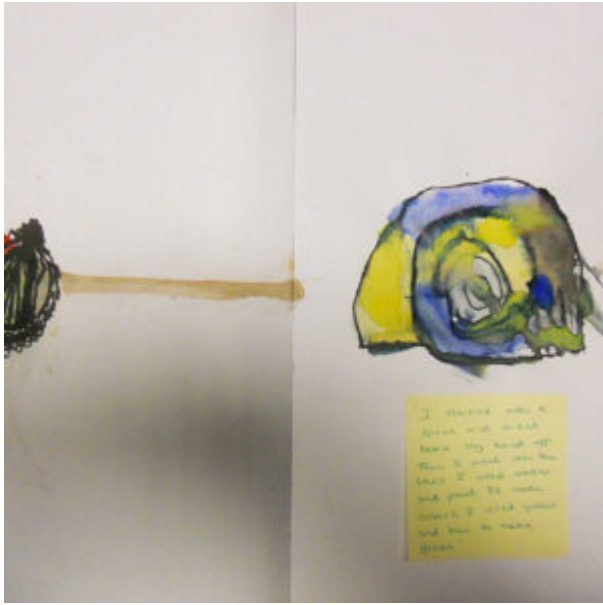
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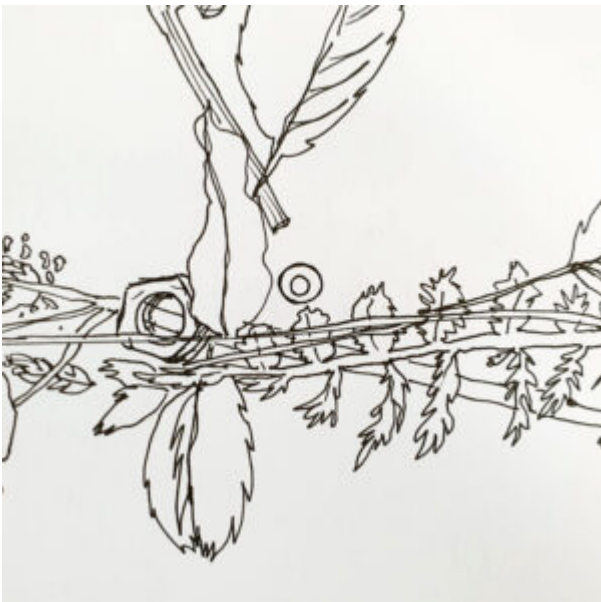
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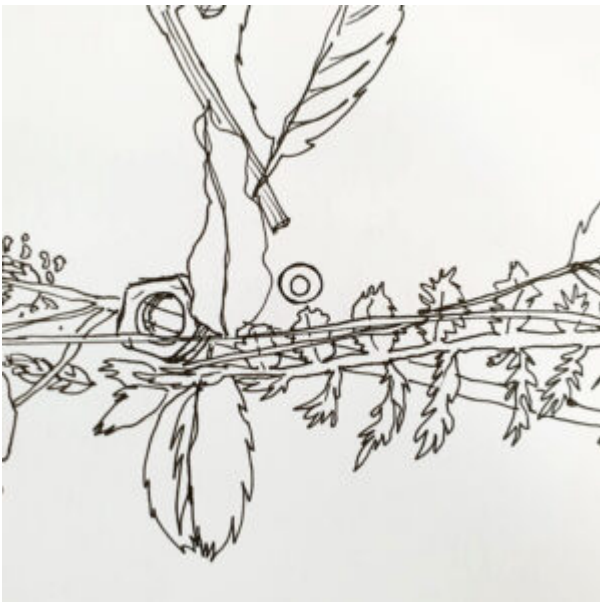
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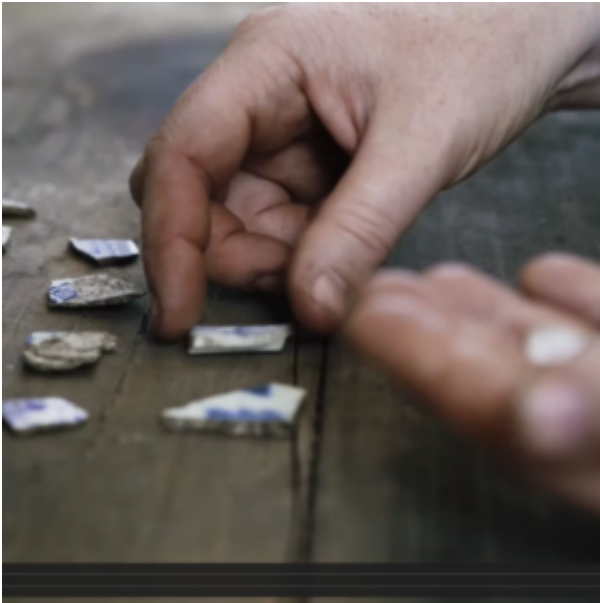
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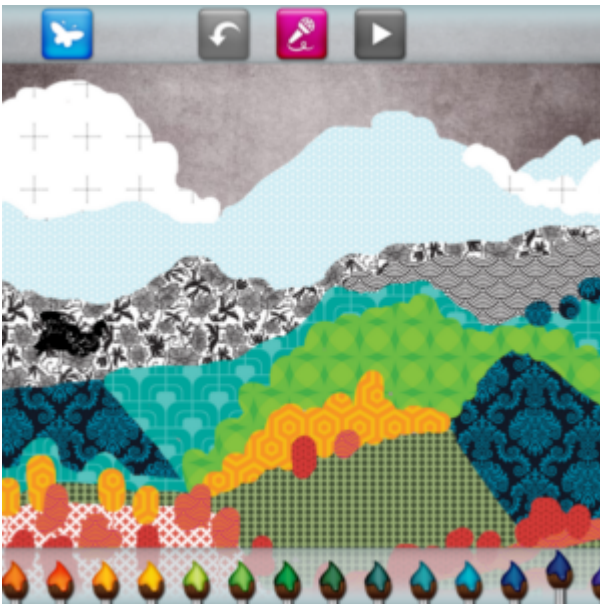


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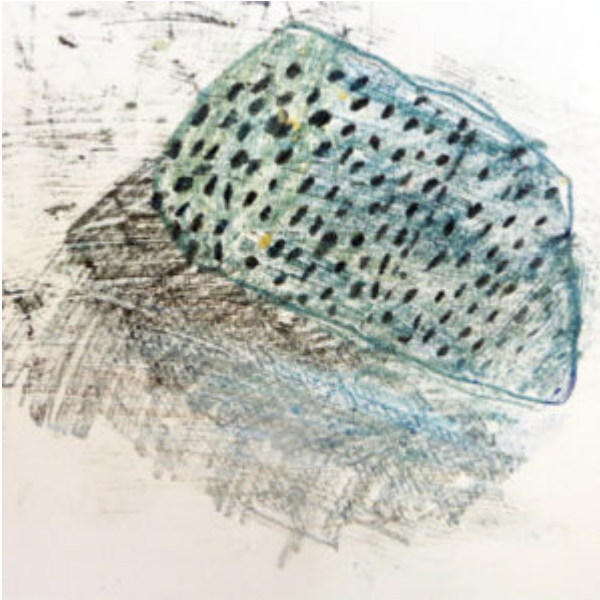
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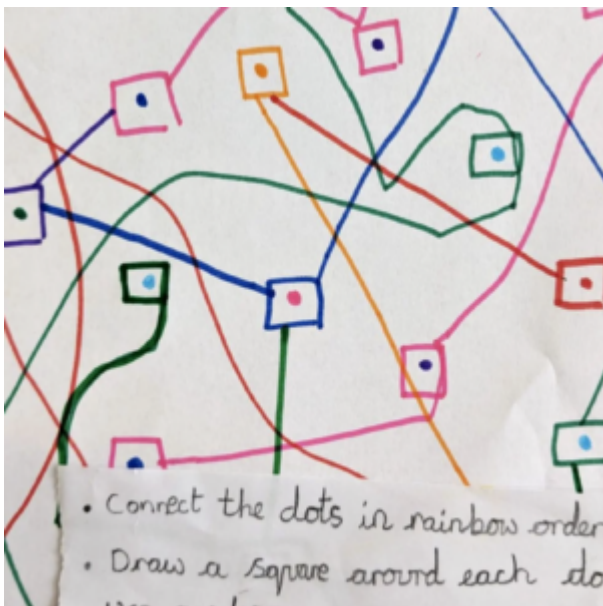
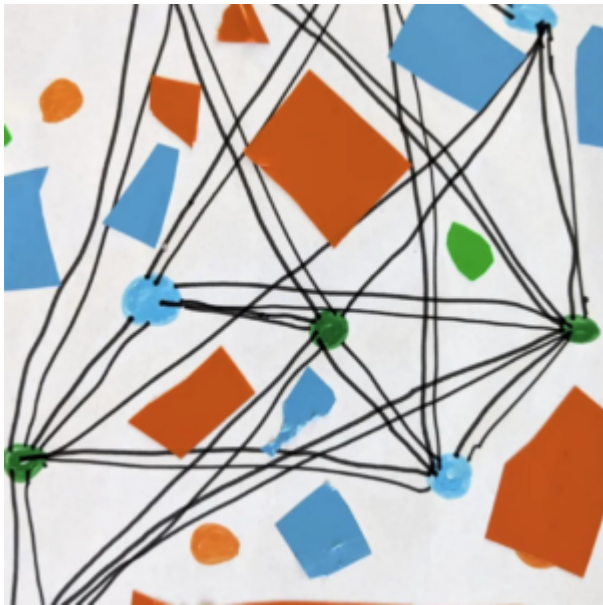
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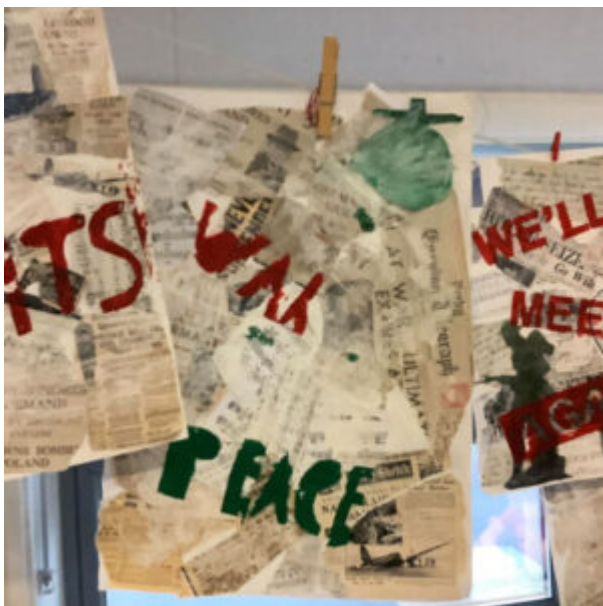
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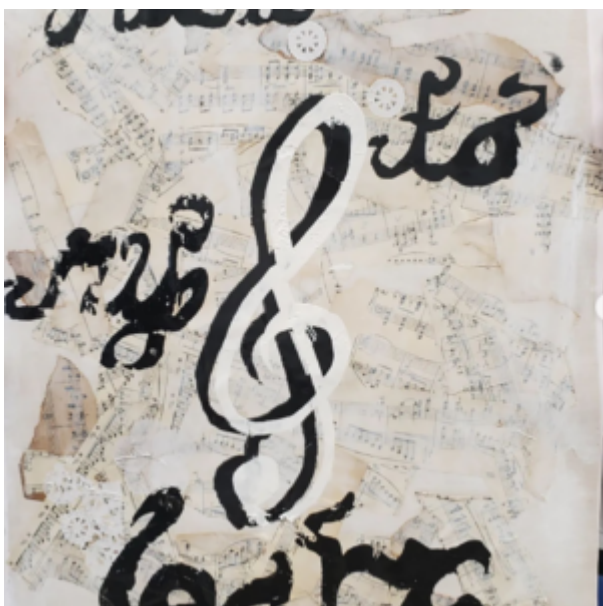


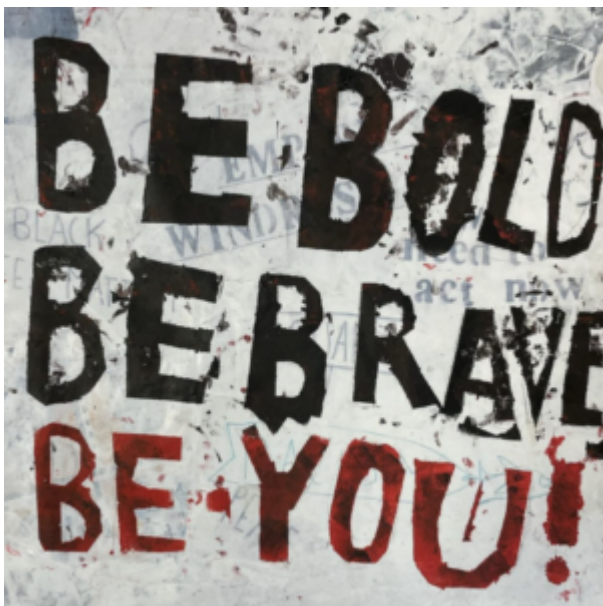
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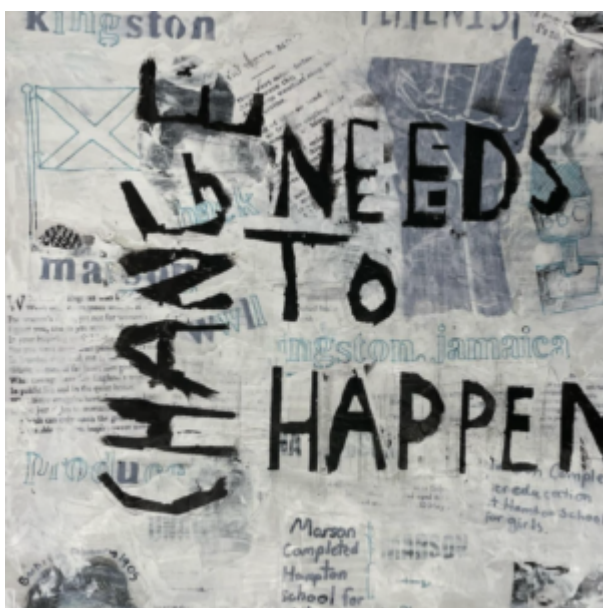
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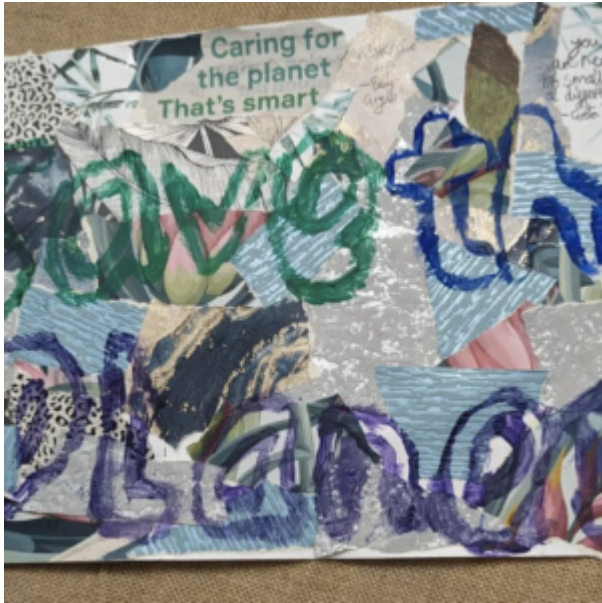












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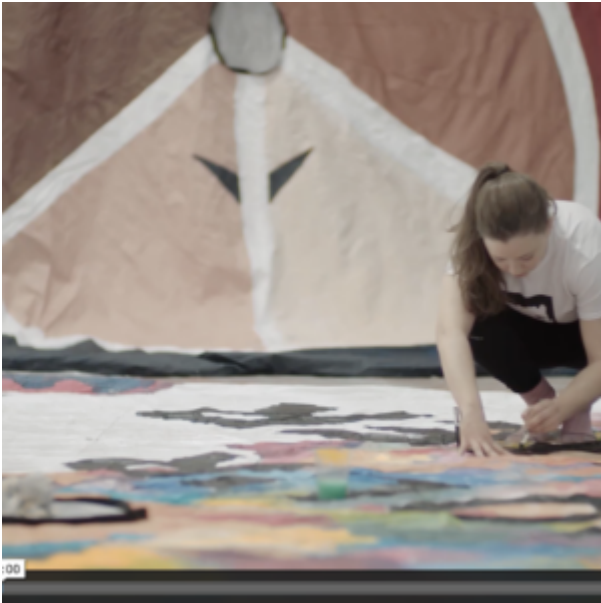
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