

# Iridescent Insects

By [Alison Dunne](#).

*In this resource, spanning six one-hour sessions, teacher Alison Dunne talks through a drawing and embossing project, inspired by insects and the Mexican tin folk art known as 'Hojalata.' Pupils explore observational drawing, colour mixing, texture and embossing with a focus on early scientific artists and explorers such as Maria Sibylla Merian, and contemporary artists such as Rosalind Monks. This project took place with a Key Stage 2 class, but it could easily be adapted to other ages.*



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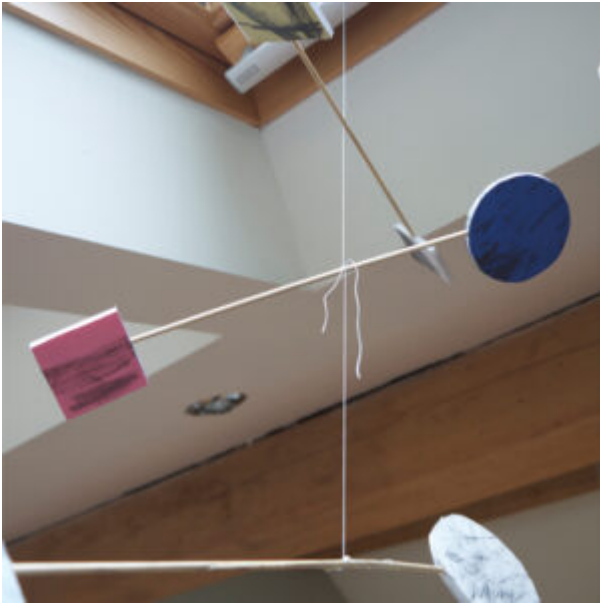
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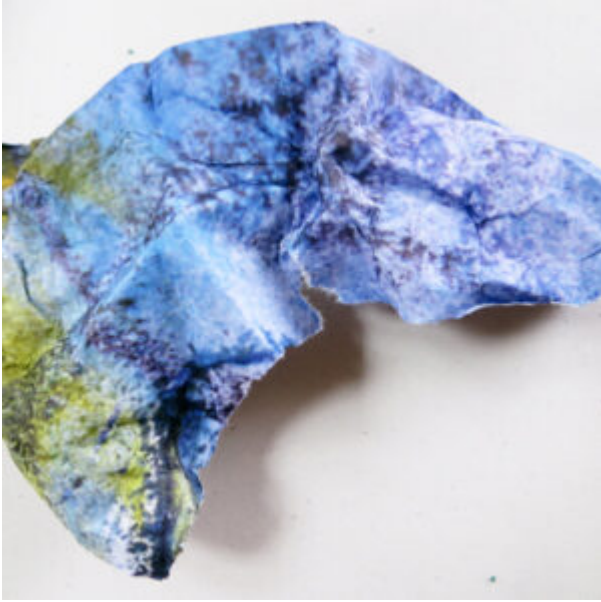
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This pathway shares how teachers might take inspiration from El Anatsui and encourage pupils to think how they might disassemble objects around them to transform them into sculptural pieces.

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## Which Artists: Su Blackwell

# What We Like About This Resource...

“It’s really interesting to hear how Su’s career path evolved organically, and how experimenting with different disciplines such as ceramics and sculpture whilst studying Textiles at the RCA began her journey towards paper craft and books. We really like how the small book sculptures inspired the larger scale set designs for The Snow Queen. They transfer so effectively to the stage and you can imagine how engaging it would be for a young audience to recognise letters and words on lampposts and other scenic elements”. – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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# Flying Minpin Birds

Roald Dahl's The Minpin Birds inspired Arbury school pupils to design and make their own birds for a tiny Minpin to ride



upon. Alongside this project, the class drew their own maps of imaginary worlds and imagining themselves as Minpins.

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## **Withy Butterflies**

Art educator Anne-Louise Quinton shares a workshop for making a flock of large, withy butterflies, creating a colourful and dramatic artwork.

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## **Making Sculpture Inspired by Degas**

This resource explores sculpture by French artist Edgar Degas (1834-1917) and shows how hands-on sculptural processes can be facilitated in a classroom. This resource was created in collaboration with AccessArt and the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

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## **Two and Four Legged Creatures**

Two and Four Legged Creatures with oil based clay over a simple wire armature to make delicate, extended structures. A one hour, artist led session with Melissa Murray.

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# **The Winter Tree Challenge: A Combined Sculpture & Drawing Project!**

This post shares an hour long session at the AccessArt Art Lab, in which the young teenagers (12 and 13 years) worked on two projects simultaneously: a shared winter forest drawing in charcoal, and a sculpture challenge to make a winter tree. The time and material constraints resulted in an energetic and inventive session. By Paula Briggs

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## **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.

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## **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.

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## 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.

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## Shipwrecked! A Shadow Puppet Play by Children Aged 10

As the winter nights draw in and it was dark outside and cosy inside, Friday Club students, turn the summerhouse into a theatre and make a shadow puppet play.

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I wanted students to be pushed to explore how to make a free standing sculpture encompassing modern sculptural principles of form, shape and balance, yet with an accessible and tangible approach to working.