

# AccessArt's Prompt Cards for Making

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The AccessArt Making Prompt Cards are a great way to inspire making in children, teenagers or adults. They provide just enough inspiration to kick start creative thinking and enable an exploration of materials and intention.



Make something which has a  
“seed” from which grows a root  
and shoot.

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## Notes for Teachers

- This activity is suitable for all ages of

children and teenagers (and adults).

- You can use the activity as a standalone session (1 hr) or extend and develop work over a series of sessions.
- See other resources in the "[AccessArt & Saatchi Learning](#)" series to extend your exploration of contemporary sculpture.
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## Cardboard Sculptures



## The Chair and Me



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## Still Life Compositions: Inspired by Cezanne

### What We Like About This Resource...

*"This activity walks through a number of different processes and taps into multiple skills. This provides a rich exploratory project for children to fully immerse themselves in. Cezanne was the focus artist for this project, but other contemporary still life painters could be used as starter inspiration. We actually advocate showing the work of more than one artist as this builds*

*knowledge of how approaches to painting, drawing etc differ. This also helps children move towards a personal response rather than creating a 'copy' of one particular artist's work" – Rachel, AccessArt*

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## Talking Points: Paul Cezanne



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## Remembrance Day Peg Soldiers

### What We Like About This Resource...

*"It's great to see a different approach to thinking about remembrance day. These peg soldiers are a refreshing alternative to artwork inspired by poppies. The processes involved encourage children to focus on fine motor skills: wrapping embroidery thread around the peg and creating small detailed clothes and helmets. These dolls look particularly effective when standing as a collection and would make a poignant alternative to a standard display board"* – Rachel, AccessArt

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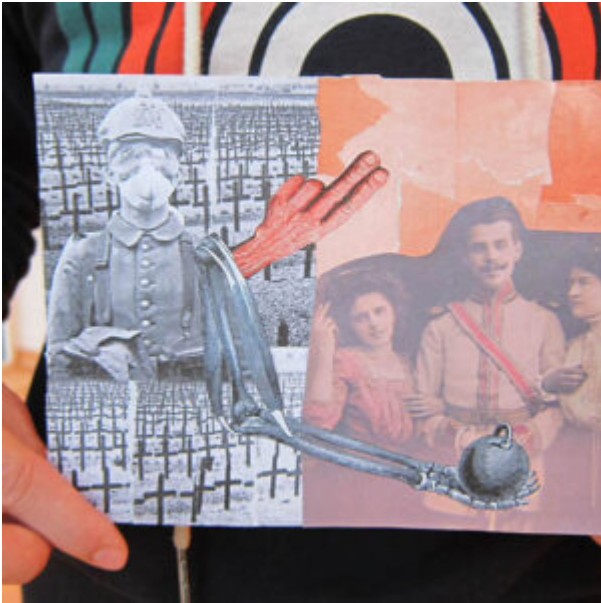
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## Make First

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## Making A Banner At Woking College

## What We Like About This



## Resource...

Working collaboratively towards a shared aim provides an alternative experience to working on individual projects. Creating together encourages listening, peer feedback and creative problem solving – all of which are hugely valuable in all areas of education” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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## Which Artists: The Life & Works of Madge Gill

## What We Like About This Resource...

“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*

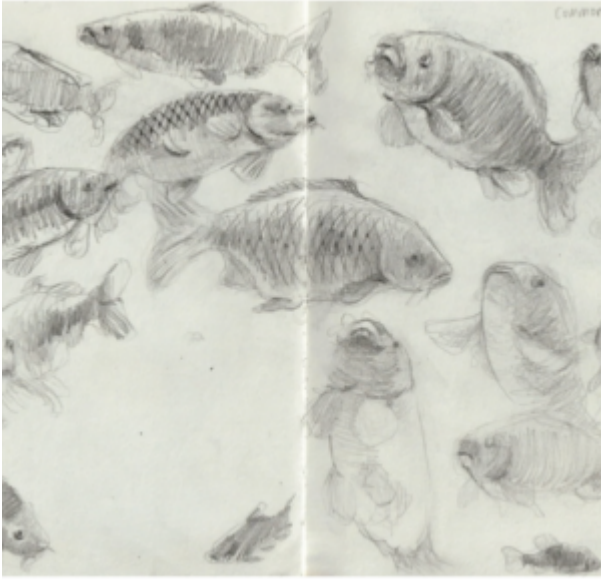
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## Transforming Materials into Sculpture

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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## The Transformation Project

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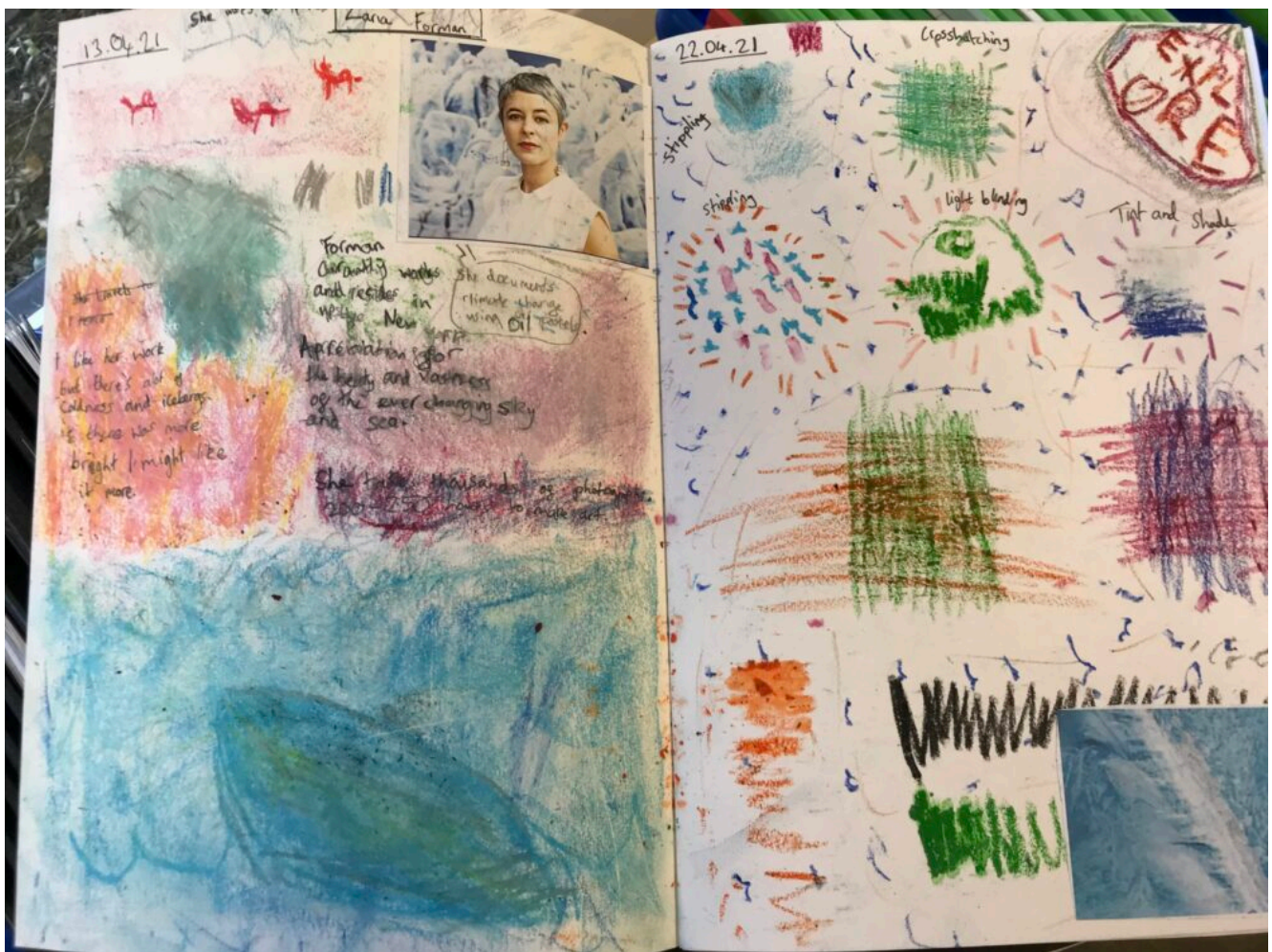
# Transforming Cardboard with Andrea Butler

Artist Andrea Butler shows how to explore simple design and construction using cardboard and jewellery. [Read More](#)

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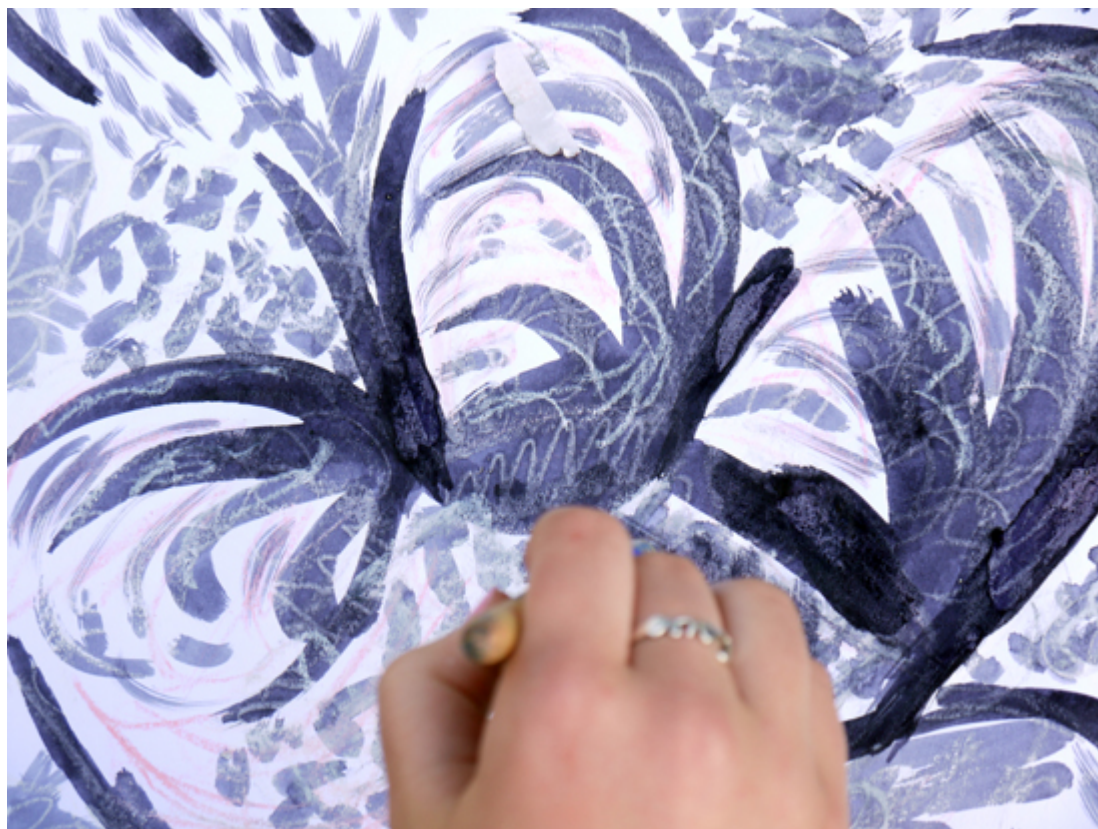
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## **Turkish Map Fold**

### **What We Like About This Resource...**

**“This activity is a great example of how we can use paper as the focus of creativity. Often we use paper purely for drawing or painting on, but**



here, it is central to the activity itself. While these particular folded sculptures have their roots in Turkish culture, you could still deliver the activity if looking at things like Origami too, thus linking it across different cultures” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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# Curtis Holder: Art & Education

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**Which Artists: Liz  
West**

**What We Like About  
This Resource...**

*“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 reinforcement 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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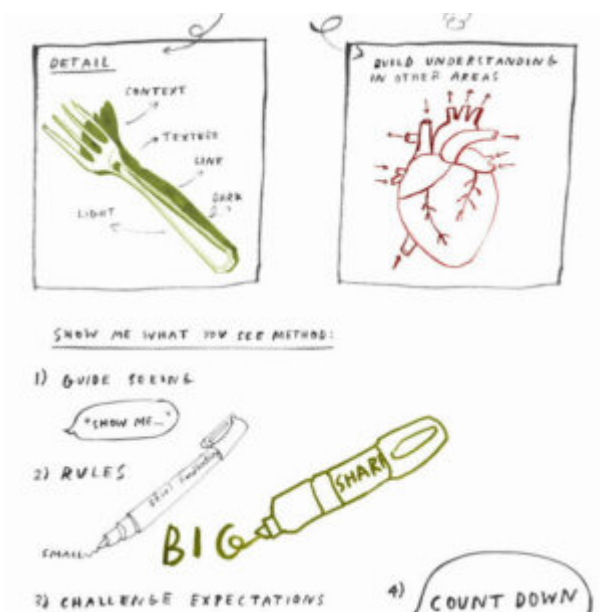
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'Brave colour' pathway

using sketchbooks to make  
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# Find out how pupils can respond to artists work in sketchbooks

Show me what you see



**Enable close looking and  
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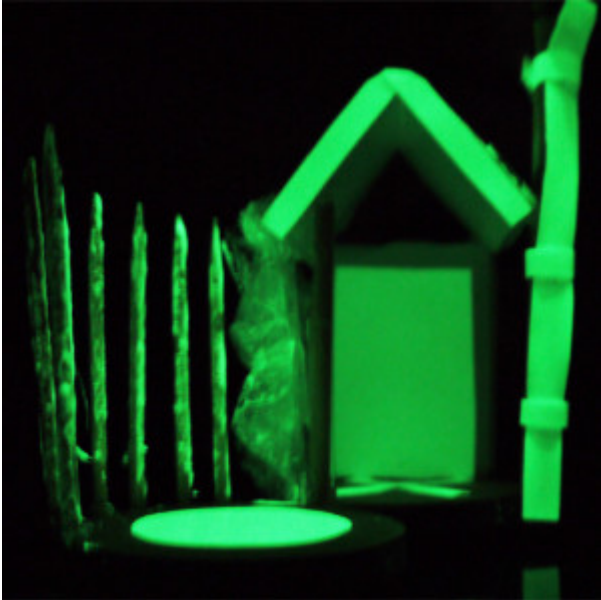
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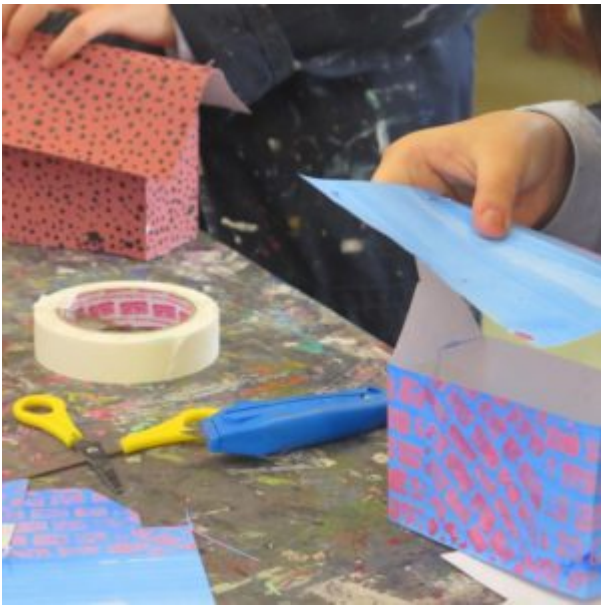
## What We Like About

# **This Resource...**

**“This project provides a real opportunity for children to engage with a range of different processes to produce truly individual final results. Jan Miller is an experienced teacher and connects her projects well with learning outcomes. In this case, children are encouraged to have a loose approach and to make their own creative decisions – which is such a valuable part of any child (or adults!) creative education”. – Rachel, AccessArt**

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# **World War I Mail Art**

## **What We Like About This Resource...**

**“This project links poignant subject matter with meaningful art processes and local history. What we learn about the repurposing of materials, (in this case spent ammunition) reaffirms how we can use what is around us as a starting point to making and creating. You could extend or adapt this project by**

looking at broken pottery, re  
purposing that into new  
sculptures that link with Roman  
or other local historical  
cultures” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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# Drawings



## Remembrance Day Soldiers



## For Remembrance Day

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# **Which Artists: Claire Harrup**

## **What We Like About This Resource...**

**“We really enjoyed reading about the process of creating art work according to a design brief and how the experience of this differs to when an artist begins with their own idea or concept. That’s not to say an artist can’t approach a brief with**



their own individual style and ideas, but what this post shows us is that there can be a balance between the two. This would be a great resource to show older KS pupils who may be beginning to consider their options beyond Primary School".  
– *Rachel, AccessArt*

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## Talking Points: Packaging Design



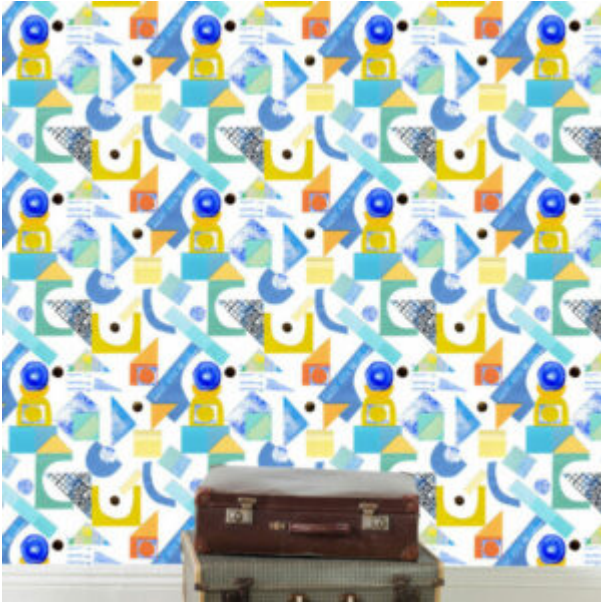
# What is Typography



Which Artist: Rachel Parker



# Repeating Patterns



## Block Printing Repeat Patterns



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# **Which Artists: Theresa Easton**

## **What We Like About This Resource...**

**“It’s interesting to hear Theresa describe Printmaking as a social activity, with the shared use of materials and equipment so central to the practice. This could be a positive way of working for lots of children in school, where**



instead of just working on individual art work, they can collaborate and embrace the creative sharing experience!” – *Tobi, AccessArt.*

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