10 x Creative Sketchbook Exercises

10 simple ideas for generating sketchbook content. Suitable for use by adults or children. Full AccessArt Members Only

Sketchbooks and Thinking Skills

This module is about helping to develop thinking skills in children and to widen and deepen their understanding of their own learning. Children are encouraged to ask themselves questions throughout the sketchbook process. Full AccessArt Members Only

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Creative practitioners share what it is that makes them keep coming back to their sketchbooks.

Making a Washing Line Sketchbook

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Naomi Cotrufo — Mixed Media Embroidery: Story Telling with Pictures

Naomi Cotrufo — mixed media embroidery artist, shares her ideas and images about story telling with pictures.

Sketchbooks as a Tool to Enable Personalised Learning

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Drawing from Life with Children & Making Cartoon Characters

Looking at ways to combine children's passion in drawing cartoons with developing their observation and mark making skills. This resources demonstrates how we encouraged children to draw from life, and then develop their drawings and make cartoon characters. Full AccessArt Members Only

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