

# Chimera Drawings into Beautiful Terracotta Tiles

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## Sgraffito

Sgraffito, or 'scratching' is a technique which is an excellent way to reinforce mark making with all age groups.

Drawing into leather hard red clay tiles to create designs using mark-making can be even more effective when done through a white earthenware slip to reveal the red clay beneath.



Sgraffito onto a clay tile with a coloured slip

Following on from two previous sessions [Chimera](#) and [Wax Resist with Coloured Inks and Sgraffito on Foamboard](#), children at the Little Art Studio made sketchy pencil drawings on paper within a two 6" square tile framework and then sgraffito onto terracotta with a clay slip.



Drawing, sgraffito onto foamboard and tile with clay slip

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