Composite Still Life Studies in Candlelight

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With its dark and long nights, the winter is the perfect time of year to explore light and dark in drawing.

Candlelit Still Life

On a dark Tuesday evening, I set up several, small clusters of random, but hand-sized objects, (placed on black paper), ready for a session with teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class. Objects included: string, bulldog clips, exotic painted birds, pomegranates and apples, masking tape, pebbles.

I lit tea-lights and placed them next to the groups of objects, to create a subtle, flickering, one directional lighting effect.

Photos were taken in the near dark, so I hope that their 'atmospheric' quality, gives a useful enough idea of the session and its outcomes.



Still life elements in candle light: string

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