

Improving Drawing Outcomes by Changing Paper

1,2,3, Start Here: Drawing

This resource forms part of Start Here: Drawing, designed to help teachers facilitate drawing in school

Many primary schools provide pupils with A4 printer or copy paper on which to draw. This immediately limits the potential outcome of the drawing - both in terms of technique (HB on shiny paper is not the most inspiring starting point!) but also in terms of artistic aspiration (when we really want to encourage pupils to think as creatively as possible).

Providing pupils with alternative drawing surfaces combined with a rigorous exploration of drawing media will greatly improve drawing outcomes.

This resource promotes the use of various paper types and sizes as a way of improving drawing outcomes. Consider using the following paper as part of your drawing lessons. We have provided a single link to an appropriate drawing project for each paper type, but please explore all our drawing resources here for more ideas.

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