

Experimental Mark Making Tools

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Inventing your own mark making tools is a great way to bring together making and drawing.

You can experiment with lots of different objects and materials to make drawing tools. It's a creative challenge to attach the object or material to the handle and the marks you make will be influenced by how much ink your tool will hold - fabric will absorb a lot more ink than say, a piece of dried seaweed. Each tool will have its own character and unique set of marks and of course, you can make your tools as decorative as you like, painting the handles or binding them with tape, fabric or thread to personalise them even further.



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