

Fruit Plates

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Jan Miller is an Art and Design teacher with more than 25 years' experience working in formal education settings, currently teaching ages 4-15. In this pupil favourite, Jan demonstrates the process of creating still-life mixed-media paintings with Year 5 learners, using fruit and patterned plates as the subject.

This three-part activity, delivered across three one-hour sessions, was developed to help learners experiment with using colour mixing to capture tone and form. In addition to building their understanding of primary and secondary colours, learners practised their observational skills and explored new materials and techniques throughout each session. Each technique was demonstrated to ensure the activity was fully inclusive for mixed-ability and SEND learners, who were able to work independently to create unique mixed-media pieces.

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