

Ink

Exploring Materials: Ink



Ink is a versatile drawing material with lots of potential for experimenting with mark-making and scale. From delicate observational drawings to bold, large-scale expressive work, ink encourages both careful and spontaneous creativity.

Depending on the tool and technique used, lines can appear scratchy, delicate, or smooth and flowing. Artists work with dip pens, brushes, sticks, feathers, or found objects to create unique textures and effects.

Like [watercolour](#), ink is fast-drying and water-soluble, allowing it to flow between soft washes, layered textures, and sharp, expressive marks. Thick, concentrated ink creates strong, dramatic marks, while watered-down ink can be layered to

create soft washes and subtle tonal variations.

Find resources on this page which help inspire your exploration of ink.

INTRODUCTION TO INK

Artist Lance Richardson introduces ink.

[See the full post here.](#)

explore Ink...

Handpicked resources to help inspire an exploration of ink

See Three Shapes



Experimental mark-making tools



Develop skills...

Try these projects to help develop skills and experience

Nests: Materials, Tools Testing and Sketchbooks



Shared Ink Drawing Inspired by “Where the

Wild Things Are”



Taking on the Inktober Challenge



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