

Landscapes Inspired by John Piper

By [Jo Blaker](#)

In this exploratory post, artist Jo Blaker shares how she facilitated an online workshop inspired by the landscape drawings of [John Piper](#). Piper (1903-1992) was an English painter, printmaker and designer of stained-glass windows and theatre sets. He was an official [war artist in World War II](#), and in the 1930s, created a series of drawings depicting the Kent and Sussex coastline in the UK, using collage and ink.

In this resource, Jo describes how she used experimental collage techniques to explore Piper's coastal works. Through a series of creative exercises, she shares ways that collage and mark-making can be used to capture the drama and movement of the sea and the surrounding landscape. Although the participants of this workshops were adults, the exercises included can be adapted to younger learners.



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