

# Opening Out: Shells and Sketchbooks

By [Tobi Meuwissen](#)

*In this activity, learners experiment with a range of drawing tools and materials to create both observational and experimental mixed-media drawings.*

*In the session, they begin by making a concertina sketchbook using tracing paper, before experimenting with ink and a range of drawing materials, moving onto close observational drawing of shells, to fill their concertinas with drawings in inventive and creative ways.*

*The three drawing exercises, along with the warm-up activity, are carefully scaffolded to help children develop their skills step-by-step. Each activity builds on prior learning, reinforcing understanding of both the subject matter and the materials, while encouraging children to make connections and informed choices about their next steps.*

*This activity was facilitated with Year 4 learners at [Beaver Road Junior School](#) over a 1.5-hour session, but it can easily be extended or adapted, with opportunities to use the exercises as warm-ups across different sessions. It also comes with plenty of scope to adapt the exercises to the*

***needs or aims of your learners.***

**[Log in](#)** as a member below to access the full resource.



---

	<b>Please log in here to access full content.</b>
Username	<input type="text"/>
Password	<input type="password"/>
	<input type="button" value="Login"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remember me
	<a href="#">Forgot Password</a>

**To access all content, I would like to join as...**

## An Individual



Creative practitioners, educators, teachers, parents, learners...

[From £3.50](#)

## An Organisation...



Schools, Colleges, Arts Organisations: Single and Multi-Users  
**From £42**

*AccessArt is a UK Charity and we believe everyone has the right to be creative. AccessArt provides inspiration to help us all reach our creative potential.*

---

## **You May Also Like...**

**making a blind contour drawing**



## **Experimental mark-making tools**



## **Nests: Materials, Tools and Sketchbooks**

