

Soft Pastel Drawing for Beginners – Precious Pastels

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It's been an inspiring autumn and teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, enjoyed studying rich colours and textures drawing a still life of Dahlias with pastels.

After a warm up [Introducing Pastels to Nature Sounds](#) the teenagers were encouraged to 'let themselves go' and explore the potential of pastels as a fantastic medium for self-expression.

They experimented liberally with bold, energetic mark making, including smudging and etching into their marks. They also made stencils with masking tape. They were encouraged to keep going and not be precious about their drawings, but to explore pushing them to the next level, try the next mark, smudge or scratch and fill the paper.

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