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AccessArt has been running drawing workshops with children teenagers and adults for many years, as well as sessions in schools with pupils and teachers. Our sessions usually encourage an exploration of drawing media and approaches. The sessions are open-ended and never didactic. We realise now how valuable a thoughtful approach to subject matter can be.

Just like an appropriate icebreaker or warm-up exercise at the beginning of a session can help shift perceptions and help settle students into a certain frame of mind, carefully considering which subject matter will help students best achieve the aim of the session, is crucial. With this in mind we have compiled a list of resources within the AccessArt site which rely on thoughtful subject matter. We hope it gives you plenty of ideas and inspiration for subject matter on which to draw.

The list below is not exhaustive. [Please see all our drawing resources here.](#)



Potatoes, Playmobil and Henry Moore: Making Drawings with Mass



Introducing Foreshortening and Creating Volume



Drawing Feathers: Perfect for Mark Making



[Drawing Pouring Water](#)



[Drawings of Toys Inspired by Gwen John's Cats!](#)



Exploring Ink: Making Drawing Tools and Mark Making



Drawing Shiny Cutlery



[Drawing Insects in Black Pen](#)

Beginner's Guide to Drawing Materials

Introduction to some of the basic drawing materials and how to get the most out of them. Contains links too to other resources.

Drawing Inspired by Elements: Making Structure

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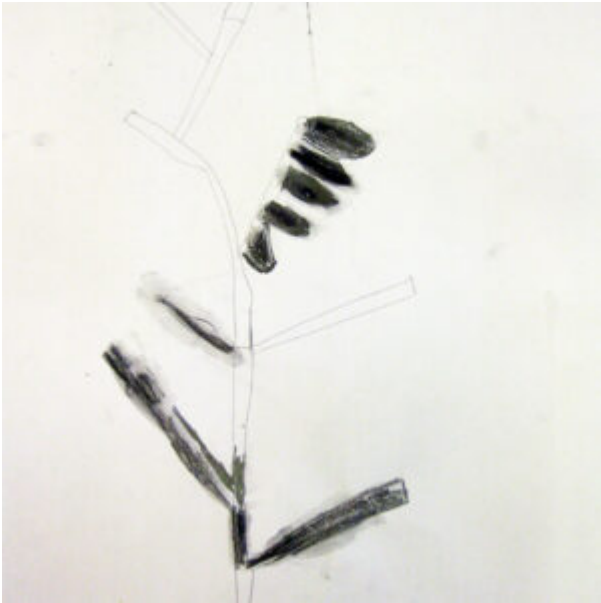
Nests: With Dry and Wet Material



Building Nests



Developing a Drawing Through Exploration of Drawing Media



Drawing Inspired by Elements: Drawing Moving Water

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drawing pouring water



Our River – a Communal Drawing



Painting a storm



Drawing Inspired by Elements: Hands Moving Charcoal Dust

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Introduction to Charcoal



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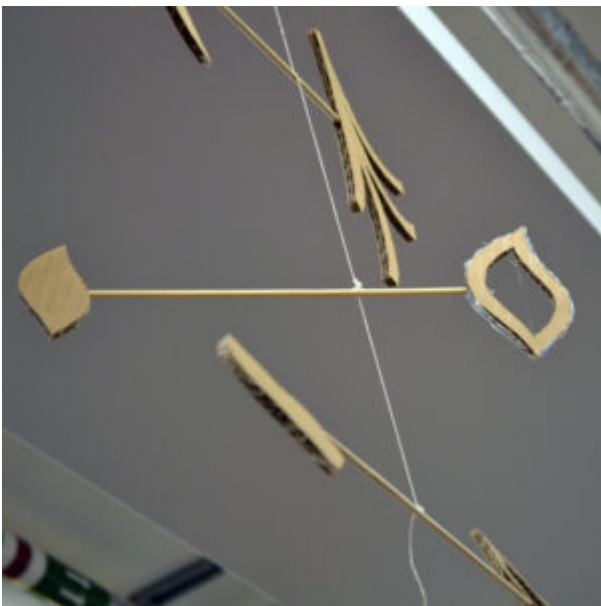
Heavy/Light Mobile – Drawing and Making

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Pathway: Explore Sculpture Through Making a Mobile



Kinetic Mobile Sculpture Workshop with Laura Kohler



Coat-hanger Shells



Making a Blind Contour Drawing

Drawing Water!

Drawings of Inventions Inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci

Thinking through drawing: inventions inspired by everyday objects and by Leonardo Da Vinci's drawings. Using carbon paper as a way to make small mono prints, and making collaged

drawings with graph paper and tracing paper. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Ink Drawings: Making Drawing Tools and Mark Making

Using sepia and indian ink to explore mark making. Includes making your own drawing tools. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Gestural Mark Making with Acrylic Paint

Exploring mark making in acrylic paint using variety of tools. This workshop also incorporates drawing and collage and is suitable for even very young children.

Drawings with Mass: Potatoes, Playmobil and Henry Moore

Inspired by drawings by Henry Moore – making weighty drawings with ink, wax and graphite

Drawing with Wire like Calder, and Backwards Forwards Sketching

Drawing with wire can be tricky – this workshop uses a warm-up exercise to help you see the important lines. Suitable for children and adults.

Drawing Toys Inspired by Gwen John's Cats!

Taking inspiration from the cats sketched by Gwen John, we worked with 6 to 10 year olds to use graphite, charcoal and wash to sketch toys.

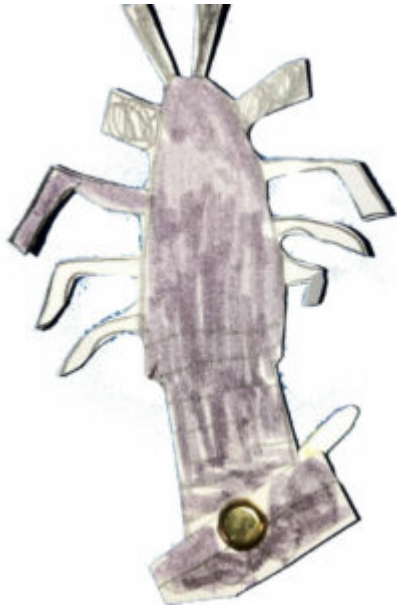
Drawing Minibeasts – using a continuous line, graphite and oil pastel

Drawing mini beasts using pen, graphite and oil pastel. Simple and effective drawing approaches for all ages. [Full Access Art Members Only](#)

Making Drawings Move

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Schools...







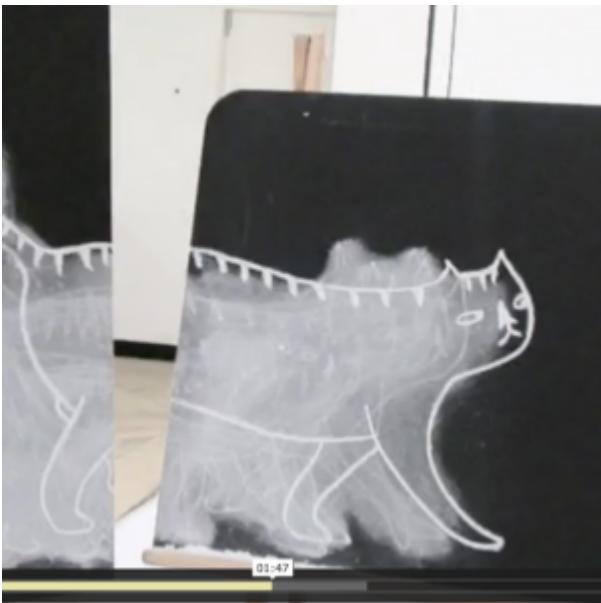
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Pathway: Making Animated Drawings



[This is featured in the 'Making Animated Drawings' pathway](#)

Talking points: Making drawings move



Talking Points: paper cut puppets



Talking Points: Lauren child



Talking Points: Lotte reiniger



Drawing Feathers: Perfect for Mark Making

How to Draw Feathers inspired by John Ruskin's Peacock Feather. Beautiful sketches resulting from an appropriate warm-up exercise and combinations of drawing materials. Suitable for all ages.

Drawing Storyboards with Children

Story Boards are a great opportunity to developing both drawing skills, and visual story telling skills and kids love them! [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

Making a Shy Drawing – Drawing Exercises for Beginners

Find out what a “shy drawing” is and how it can help you focus. These exercises and suggestions provide a focus which enables pupils and teachers to explore different aspects of making a drawing, including sound, action and intention. [Full AccessArt Members Only](#)

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