

# How I use my Sketchbook as an Illustrator, by Alice Bowsher

In the series '[How Artists Use Their Sketchbooks](#)', we are celebrating the different ways in which artists use their sketchbooks, spanning across a range of disciplines, to open up minds as to what a sketchbook is and can be, from the perspective of practicing artists.

In this video, illustrator [Alice Bowsher](#) shares with us how she uses sketchbooks in a professional capacity, to take notes, write timelines, and generate ideas, as well as also for her own personal practice, as a space to experiment.

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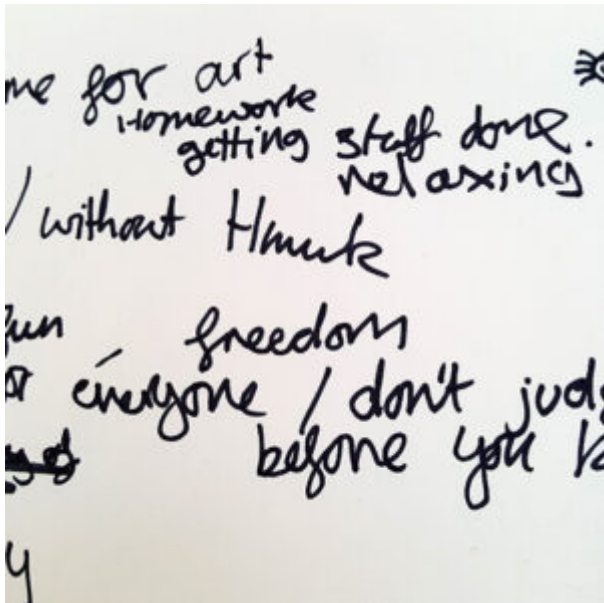
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## What We Like About This Resource

*"This is a great activity to get students to think about drawing in a different way. Extending reach and accepting a lack of control can lead to really exciting and energised mark-making. It's great to see that this resource has also been used in SEND settings, demonstrating its accessibility." – Tobi, AccessArt.*

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## Drawing Source Material: Orchestras and Instruments

A collection of imagery and sources which you can use to prompt drawing in schools

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## **Orchestras and Instruments**

Use the film below to enable children to explore orchestras and instruments. Try to create a sense of momentum – for example you might pause the video 4 times and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to different qualities.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...

How might you invent your own instrument? What instruments might you combine? Is it self playing?

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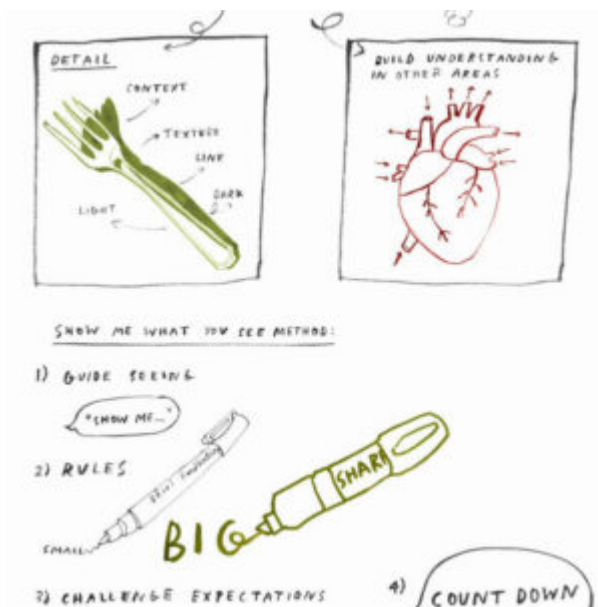


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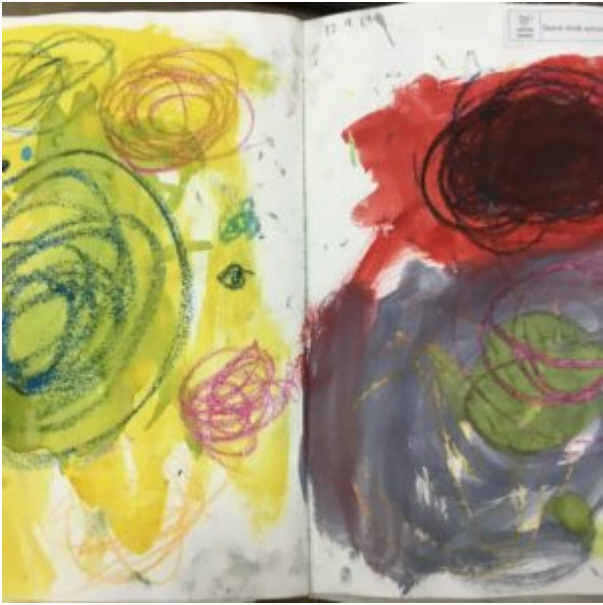
















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## **Drawing Source Material: Shells & Spirals**

**A collection of imagery and sources which you can use to prompt drawing in schools and community groups.**

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## Shells

Use the films below to enable children to explore drawing shells. Try to create a sense of momentum – for example you might pause the video 4 times and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the shells.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...

**Charles Dessalines**





Leveillé, Paris.

Fournier, 30.

- 1, 2. *Helix trochiformis* (*Helix epistylum*, Mull.)—3, 4. *Helix macrostoma* (*Helix citata*, Mull.)  
 5, 6. *Helix sinuata* (*Helix sinuata*, Mull.)—7, 8. *Helix multicolor* (*Helix polychroma*, Sowerb.)  
 9, 10. *Helix pyramidella* (*Helix Pyramidella*, Sowerb.)—11, 12, 13. *Helix de Lister* (*Helix Listeriana*, Gray.)  
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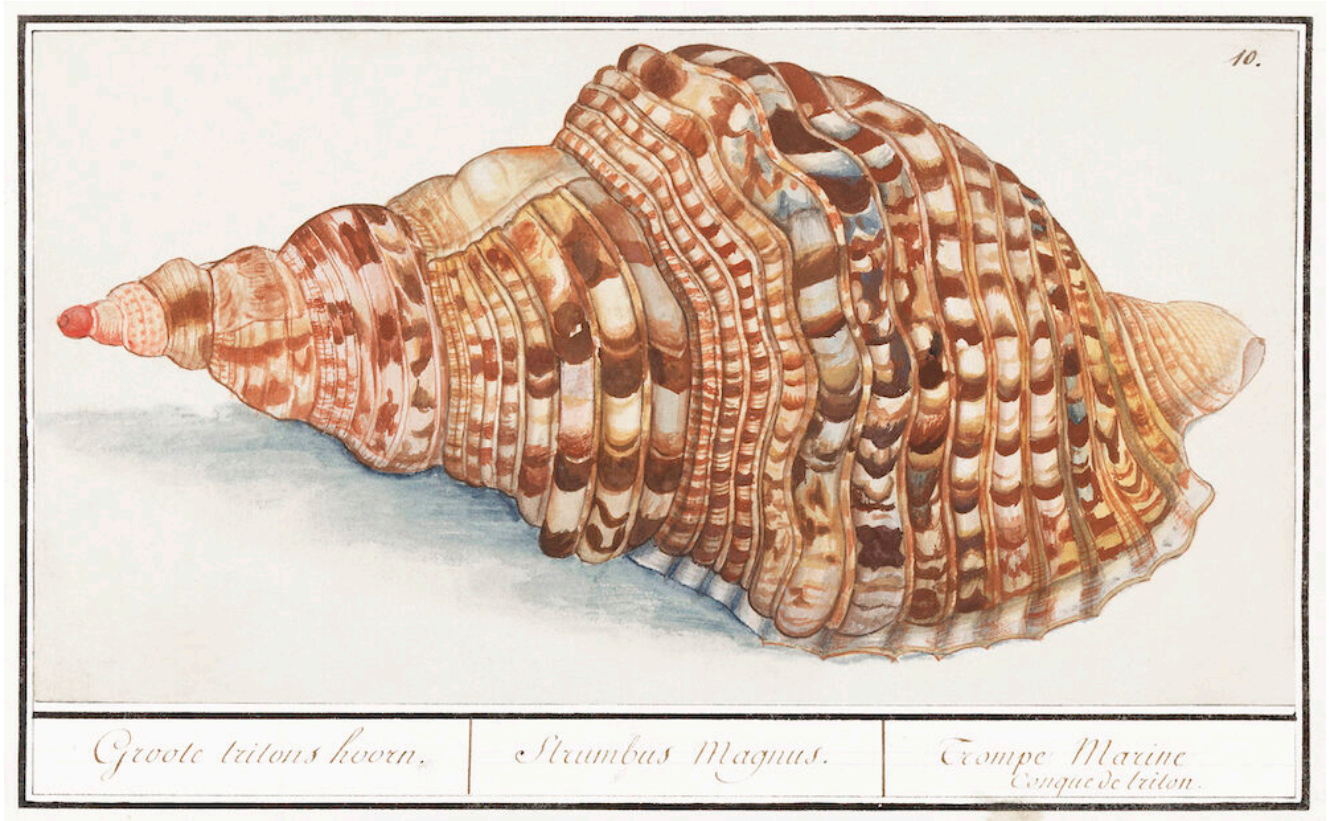
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1. *Nerinea tuberculosa*. (*Nerinea nodosa* Desf.) — 2. *Cerithium chenille*. (*Cerithium aluco* Desf.)  
 3. *Turbinella peire*. (*Turbinella pyrum*, Lamk.) — 4. *Cancellaria obtusa* Desf.  
 5. *Pustus longirostris*. (*Pustus longirostris*, Desf.) — 6. *Murex palus de Rosier*. (*Murex palus roseus*, Lamk.)

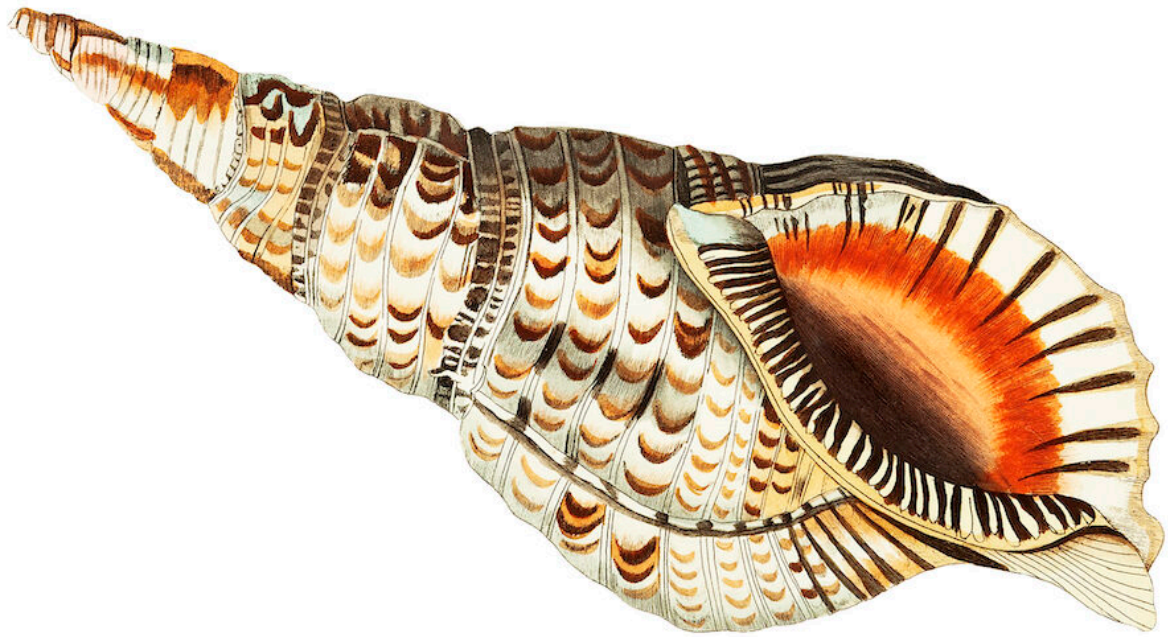


# Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt



**Common Triton Horns, *Charonia tritonis* (1596-1610)**  
**by Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt. Original from the**  
**Rijksmuseum.**

**George Shaw**



**Tritonian murex or Sea trumpet illustration from  
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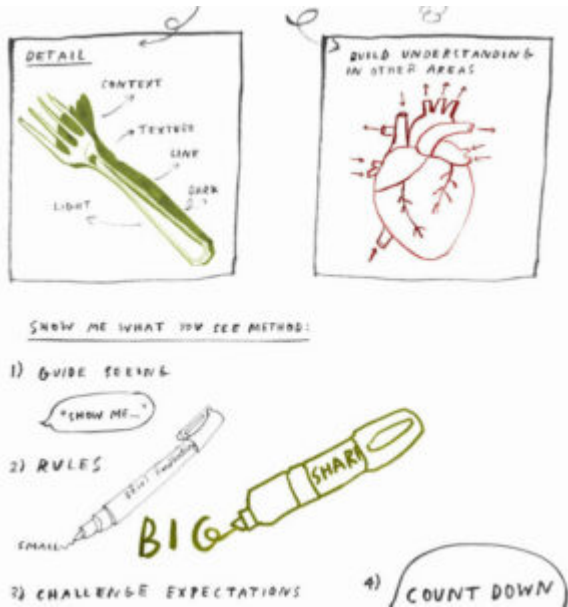
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## Water

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Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the water.

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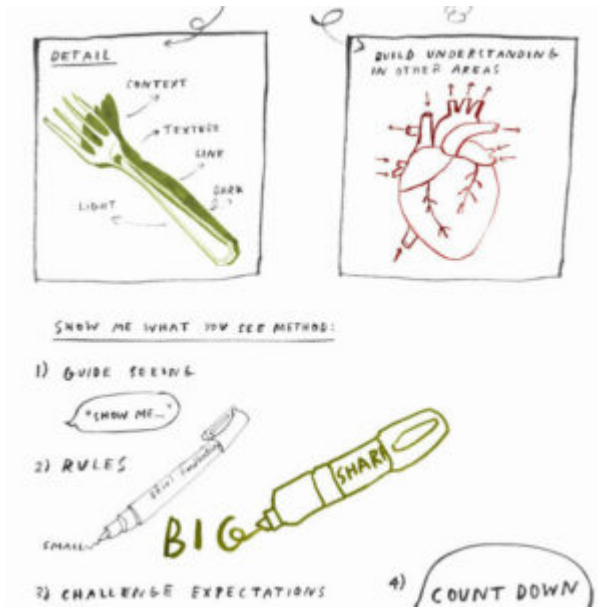


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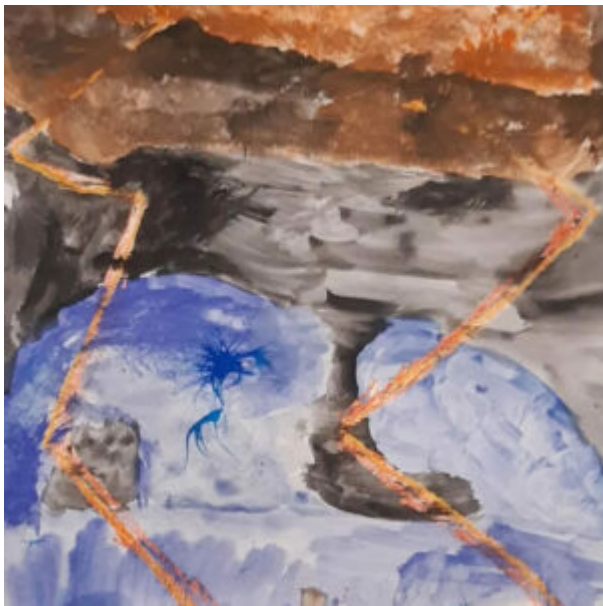
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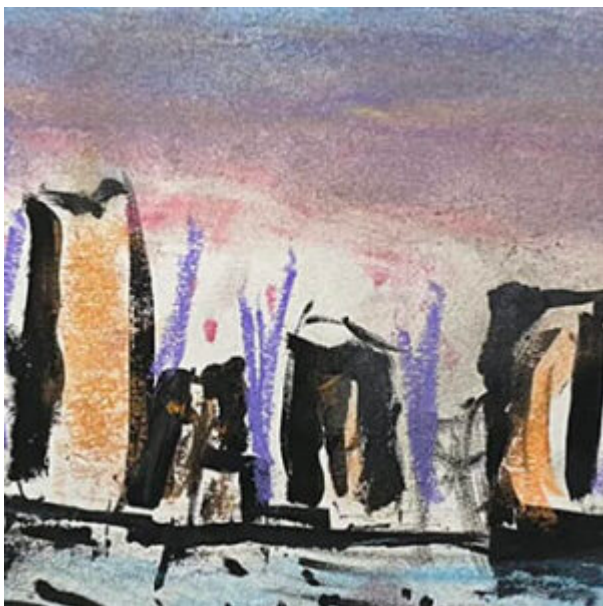














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