

Exploring Colour with Hester Berry

[By Hester Berry](#)

This resource is one of [four resources](#) created by painter Hester Berry which aim to introduce some basic drawing and painting concepts to primary-aged children and their teachers.

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In this post Hester shares a series of progressive exercises which will enable children to explore colour mixing in a practical and dynamic way.

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Painting a Bluebell Forest in Cyan, Magenta and Process Yellow on a Large Scale

In this project young teenagers were given the opportunity to paint on a larger scale; to explore working big whilst immersing themselves in colour. We were all inspired by the spring!

Students transformed the room into a bluebell forest in cyan, magenta and process yellow Scolaquip acrylic paint. By Sheila Ceccarelli

Inspired by Edgar Degas:

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Colour Wheel for Infants and Juniors

In this post, artist educator Rosie James, shows her open-ended and experiential approach to introducing the colour wheel to primary aged children throughout the key stages.

Primal Painting

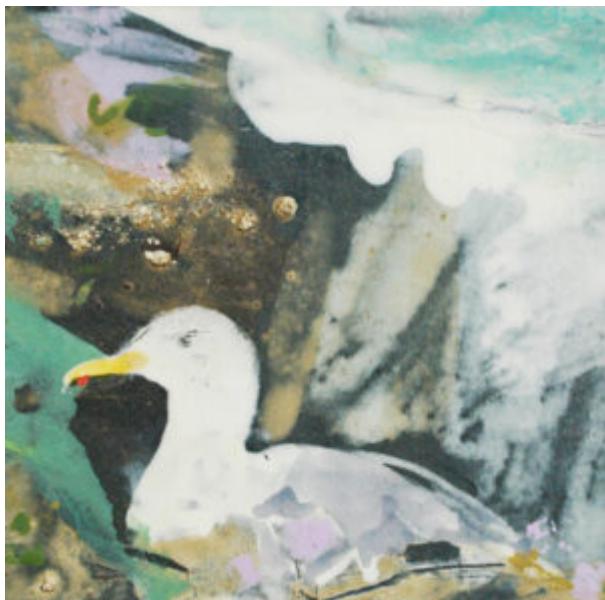
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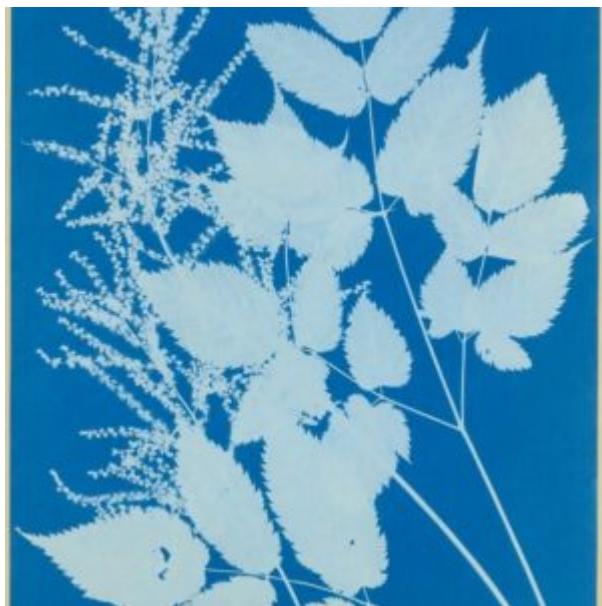


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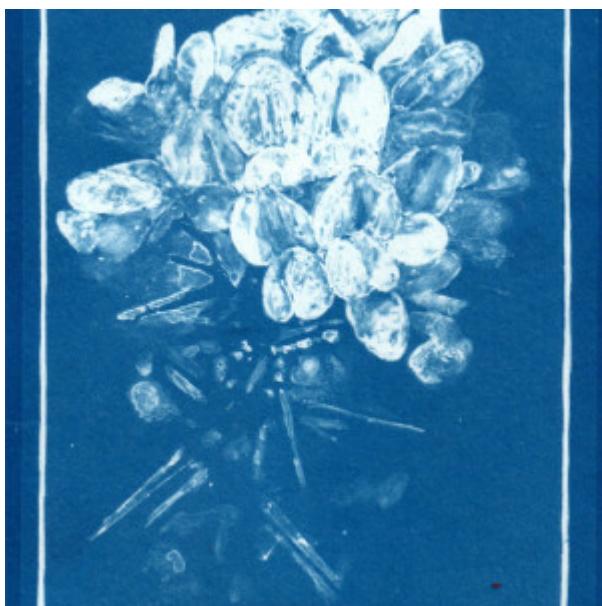
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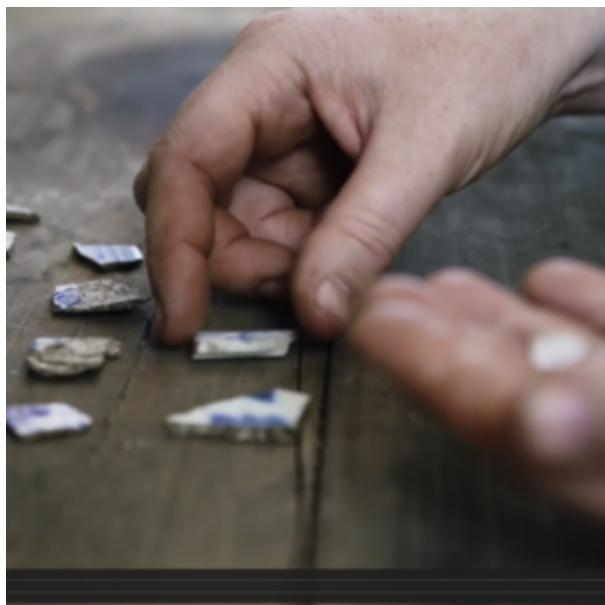
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Exploring Primary Colours and Progressing from Powder Paint to Gouache and Acrylic

This resource is based on methods shared, during an AccessArt InSET session, for primary school teachers at New Hall School, Chelmsford, to ultimately enable their pupils to develop colour skills. Teachers explored using their intuition and experience to mix primary colours, creating coloured swatches, that matched the colours of spring flowers, whilst comparing painting mediums.

By Sheila Ceccarelli

Snowflakes

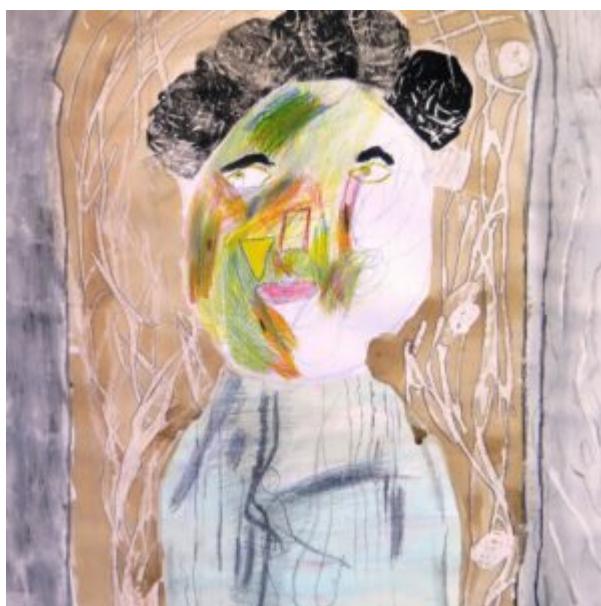
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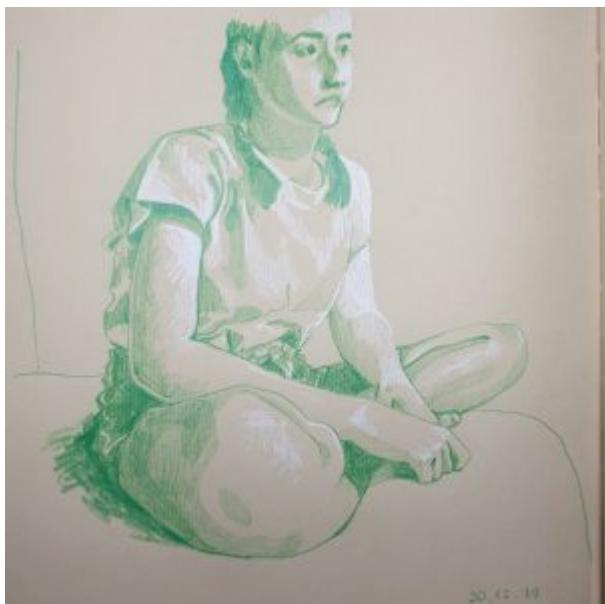
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Every now and again we come across a product which we've not seen before but which makes perfect

sense, and when we first saw these amazing foldable art canvases from [Scolaquip](#) we knew a lot of people would love them!

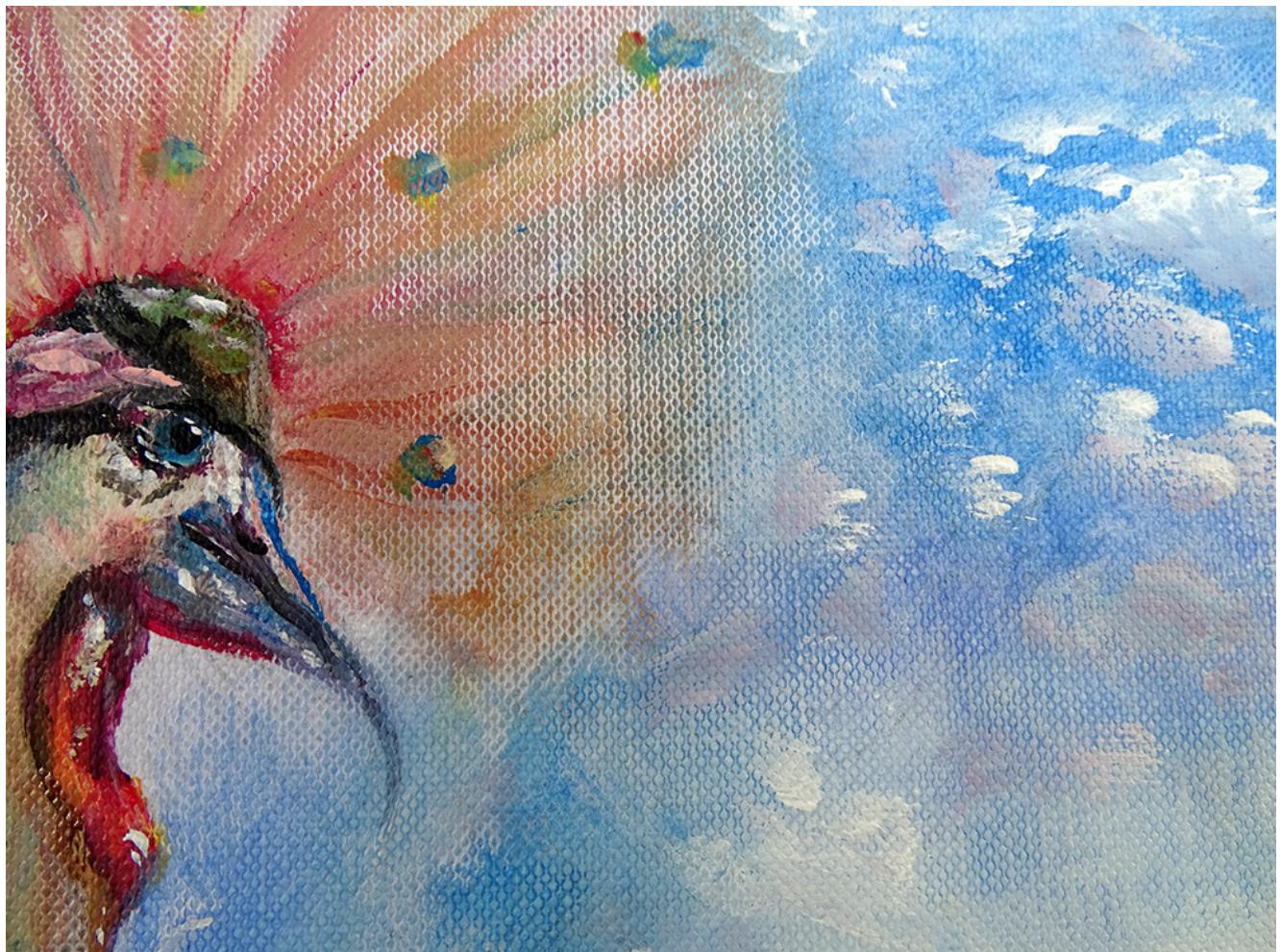
The market is flooded with canvases at accessible prices, which is great, and children and teenagers really enjoy using them. The problem especially for schools, is that they are bulky and take up precious storage space. So whoever thought of creating a canvas which is flat but which folds to a durable frame is a genius!

UK manufacturer Scolaquip is the only supplier of these nifty canvases. They come in two sizes: A4 and A5, and packs of 30.

AccessArt has trialled the canvases with different age groups and they have been a real hit with everyone who sees them. They have lots of great features, including:



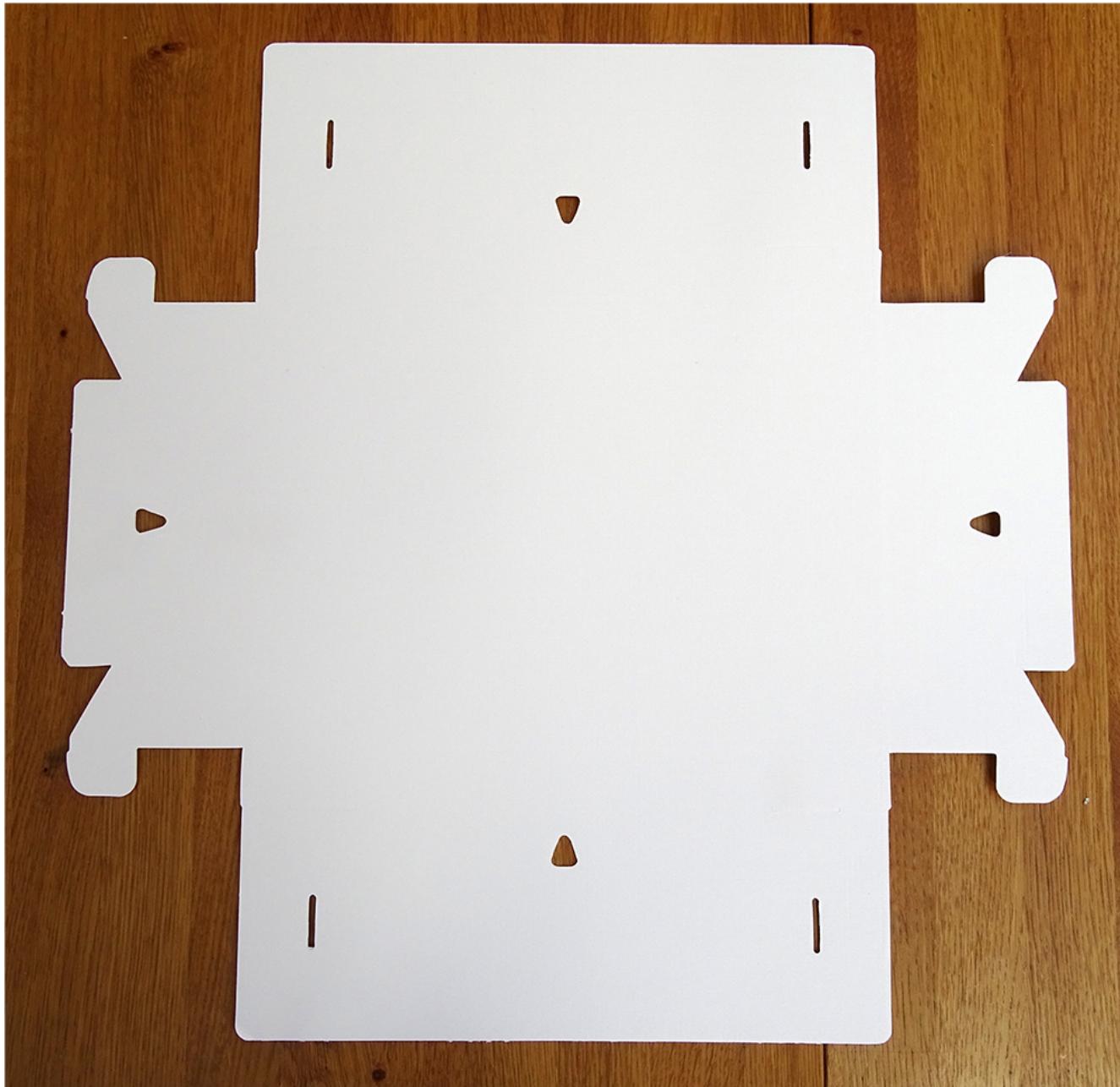
- They are so solid. Even when unfolded, they can be used to draw or paint upon without the need for any kind of drawing board behind, even when drawing at an angle. When folded they feel substantial and strong.



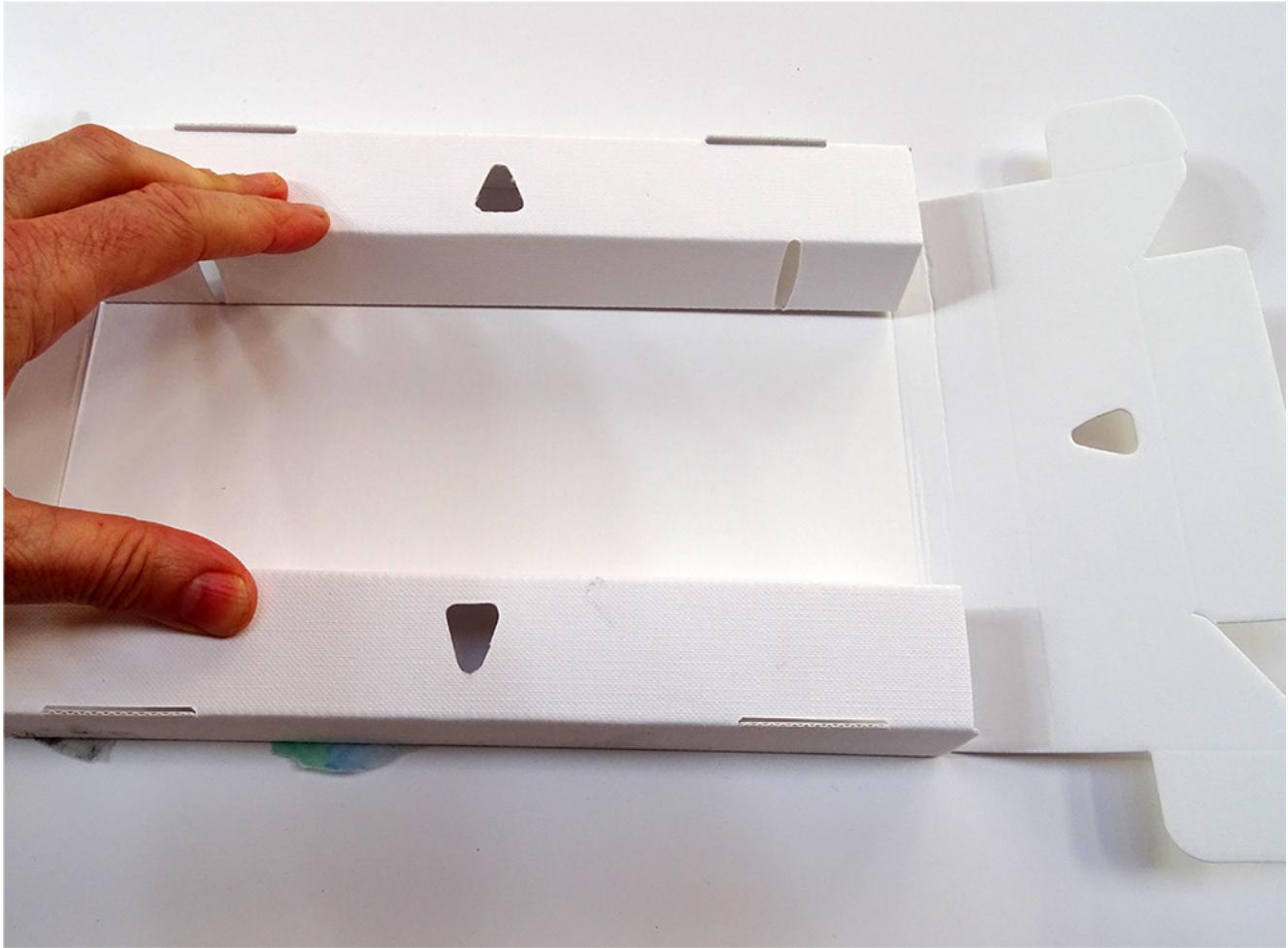
- They have a lovely textured surface



- They don't buckle even with wet paint.

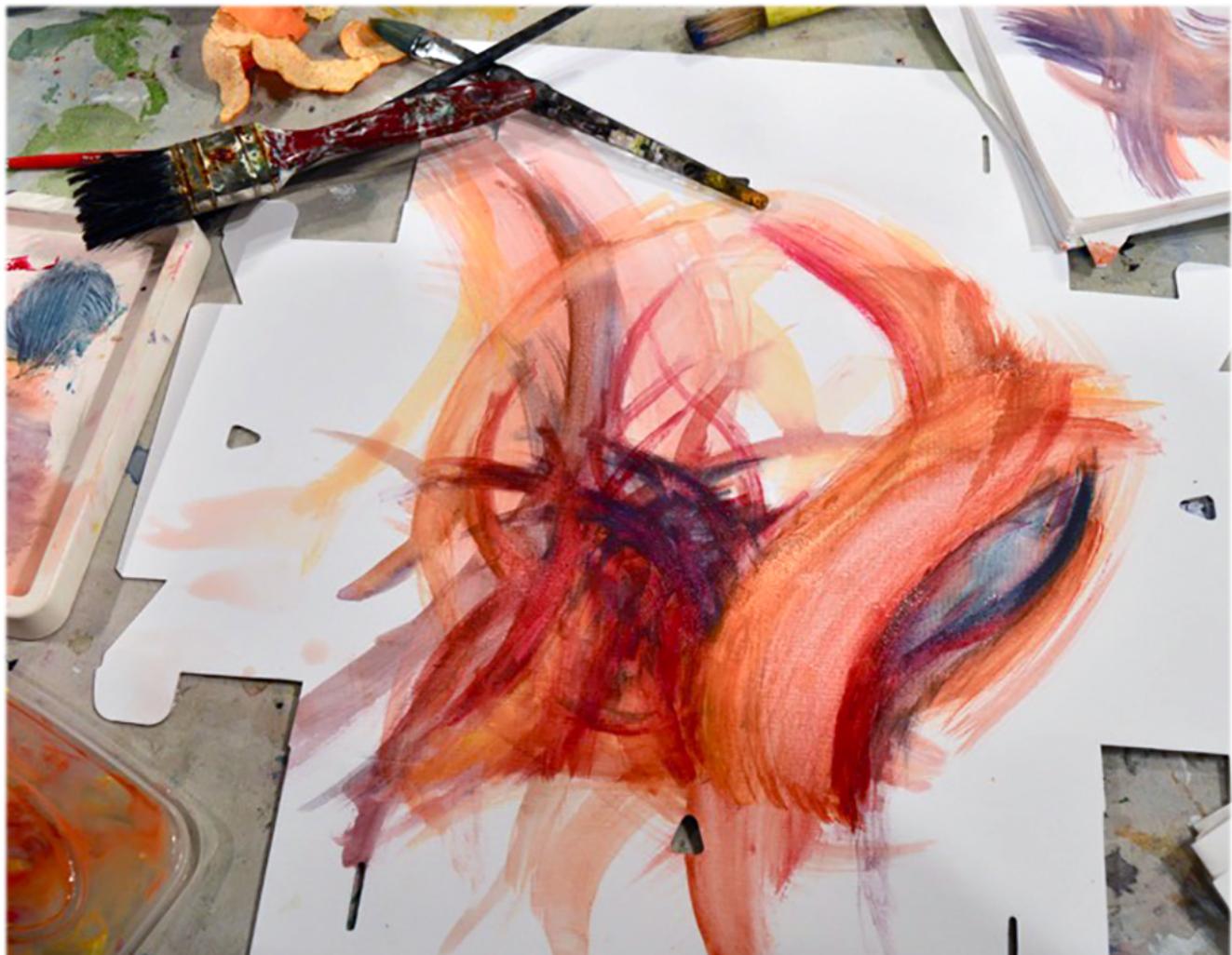


- Easy to store due to their flatness. Light weight.



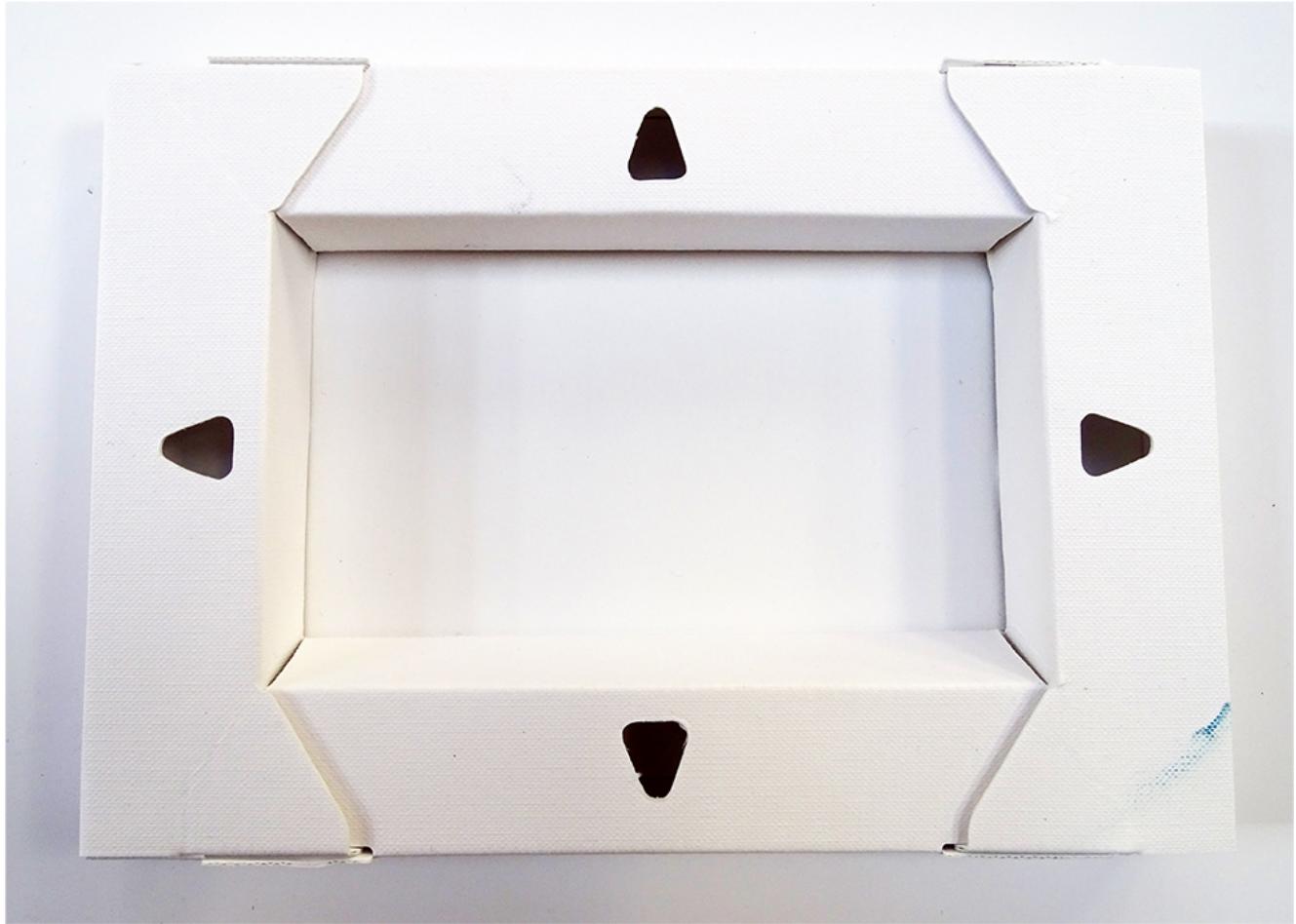
- Easy to fold – there's even a video to help you along.







- They bring with them lots of creative potential. You can paint on them before or after you fold them. Use the “canvas” side, or reverse it and use the interior as a frame. Make 2-dimensional or 3-dimensional work. You can also of course paint the edges of the canvas.



- They have ready made holes for hanging.
- 100% recyclable



Teenagers Experiment with Glow in the Dark Paint and Rice with

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray

teenagers at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, I brought in UV reactive paint and markers, and surprised students by turning off the lights and shining a UV torch on the palates.