

Visual Arts Planning: Making and Drawing Birds

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Drawing, Painting and Printmaking

Creating decorative designs from birds



Andrea Butler shows how drawings can be used to develop a range of patterned papers and stitched textiles.

Dragons and birds in eggs



Use carbon paper to create a 'hidden and revealed' effect when imagining what might be inside a large egg!

In the company of birds



[Printmaker Kittie Jones for sharing this insight into her working practice and inspiration.](#)

Swoop: Migrating Birds



[Rachel Burch has used this low budget](#)

project to re-engage and energise the students' creativity.

Birds in the trees



Collage images of birds onto mixed media backgrounds, to produce a set of lively and colourful images.

Drawing birds with mixed media



Create drawings inspired by magazine imagery using mixed media.

Wax Resist nests



Draw and make working with hard and soft pencils, graphite, wax resist, watercolour, clay and sticks.

Nests project: With Wet and dry media



Teacher Mandy Barrett and Artist Jo Blaker journey on a project that considers the materials and structures of nests.

Sculpture and Mixed Media

Making birds from card, paper and wire



These striking birds are easy to make and combine your drawing and making skills.

Rook: Transforming materials



Begin with a wire armature before adding beads and other objects to replicate the form of a rook.

flying minpin birds



Roald Dahl's incredible book The Minpins (1991) is the inspiration behind these sculptural flying birds.

Sculptural birds in flight



In this workshop teenagers played with sculptural ideas around building form and mass, tension and scale by combining materials.

Sculpting birds from old books



Create a small flock of birds from the pages of Paula's Drawing Projects book.

Flock!



Design a simple bird in felt tip and allow them to 'take flight' in a collaborative installation.

Making bird and insects



Create birds and insects for a school tree.

colourful sculptural birds



Inspired by the Dorset based artist, Peter Rush, create comical sculptural birds.

Making modroc sculptures



A simple modroc activity, inviting participants to make birds and pets.

Building a nest



A session centred around an exploration of the materials and construction methods we might use to build inventive, sculptural nests.

how to make an origami bird



[Using origami to transform old artwork.](#)

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