

Visual Arts Planning: Toys, Puppets and Dolls

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Toys can provide excellent and engaging subject matter, helping to nurture a strong sense of ownership within pupils' artwork. The following resources may be useful when exploring toys as a theme.

Tell us what you are planning to cover or explore this term in your school or institution and we'll recommend resources or learning approaches which we think might feed your teaching.

Contact us by [email](#).



Explore our Toys, Puppets and Dolls resources

Favourite Soft Toys



Create continuous line drawings of toys

Drawing soft toys



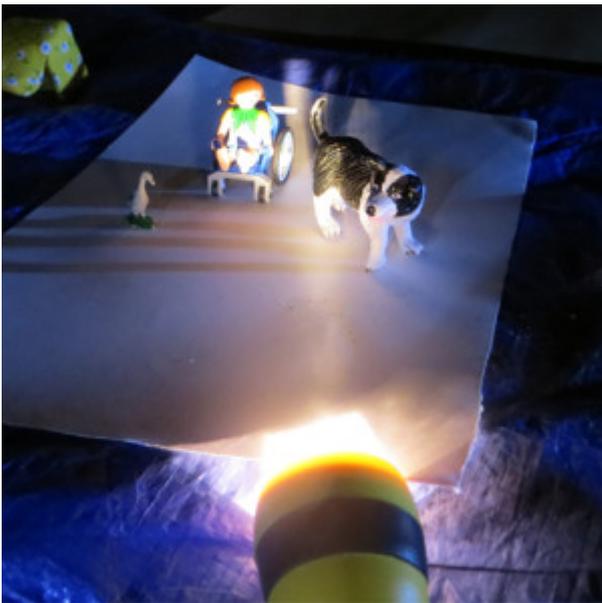
Create drawings of toys inspired by Maurice Sendak

Drawing Stories



Create small “scenes” built with toys

Drawing Toys by Torchlight



Create drawings using charcoal and torchlight

Pop-Up Puppets



[Make characterful puppets using a cone and stick pop-up technique](#)

Wire and Paper Marionette



[Create a simple marionette puppet](#)

Mixed Media Marionettes



Provide teenagers with the opportunity for playful exploration

animating puppets



Bring your puppets to life with video, camera and animation

Shipwrecked! A Shadow Puppet Play



Create shadow puppets, using simple tools

Middle Eastern Shadow Puppets



Create shadow puppets inspired by Middle Eastern architecture

Adapting AccessArt: Plinth People



Create plinth people inspired by a painting

Animating Articulated Beasts



Make your articulated beasts move

Articulated Beasts



[Turn drawings into articulated beasts](#)

Sculptural Self-portraits



[Create autobiographical plinth people](#)

Steampunk Robots



Introduce the technique 'kitbashing'

Making A Treasure Box



Constructing a treasure box filled with objects

Prop Making for Toys



[Imagine and create a world for a toy to live in](#)

Shakespearean Sock Puppets



[Make puppets inspired by Shakespeare's Macbeth](#)

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