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STAGE 1 · ART AND DESIGN · MAKING THINGS

Making things

Techniques to learn, things to make, and the questions to ask of your own work when it is finished.

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What you can make art from

Read this, then try it on the page underneath.



WHAT YOU CAN MAKE ART FROM

Art is not only paint on paper. It can be made from almost anything, and the material changes what the work can say.

Paper can be torn, folded, cut, curled and layered.

Clay or dough can be pinched, rolled, pressed and joined.

Found things, such as leaves, string, buttons and bottle tops, can be arranged, stuck down and printed with.

Choosing a material is the first decision an artist makes, and it is not a small one.

Collage

Read this, then try it on the page underneath.



COLLAGE

A collage is made by sticking pieces onto a background.

Tear the pieces instead of cutting them and the edges go soft and feathery. Cut them and the edges go sharp. Use both in one picture and the sharp parts come forward.

Arrange everything before you glue anything. Glue is the last step, not the first. Lay the pieces out, look at the whole thing, move them, and only then glue.

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Find a patterned cloth in your house

Go and look at a real thing. This is the lesson, not the warm up.



FIND A PATTERNED CLOTH IN YOUR HOUSE

Look at a patterned cloth, a tile, a rug or a wrapper. Find the smallest piece of the pattern that repeats. Draw just that piece.

Then say how it repeats: does it slide along, turn round, or flip over? Somebody designed that, and deciding how it repeats was their main decision.

SAMPLE PAGES

You have read a few pages. The pack is longer.

What you are holding is a short sample, taken from different parts of the pack so that you can see how a week is planned and what a child is actually asked to do, before you decide.

The complete pack, and the rest of the academic materials, are on our website: schemes of work for a parent teaching at home, and practice packs for the skills children get stuck on.

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