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STAGE 2 · 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.

WHAT IS INSIDE

- Designing before making
- Joining things
- Task 1: Design criteria first
- Task 2: Three joins
- Task 3: Make it again, better
- Take something apart with your eyes
- Look at your own work

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No answers at the back. There is nothing here to mark.

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Joining things

Read this, then try it on the page underneath.



JOINING THINGS

Most making is joining, and the join is usually what fails.

Glue is strong but slow and it shows. Tape is quick and weak. A slot cut in one piece and fitted into another needs neither, and is stronger than both.

Clay joins with slip, which is clay mixed with water to a paste. Score both surfaces first and the join holds. Press two dry pieces together and it will crack apart as it dries, every time.

Task 2: Three joins

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Three joins



Join two pieces of card three ways: glued, taped, and slotted. Pull each one until it fails and write down which lasted longest.

Take something apart with your eyes

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



TAKE SOMETHING APART WITH YOUR EYES

Find a made object and work out how it was put together without touching it. Glued, sewn, nailed, slotted, folded?

Draw the object and label every join you can find. Most objects have more than you expect, and the ones you cannot see are usually the strongest.

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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