

Weekly Art & Craft project - 5

OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

This week have a go at drawing something that you see.

Artists have been drawing or painting still life artworks for hundreds of years and it's a great way of developing your artistic skills!

For a traditional type of still life, set up a little group of objects, if possible on white paper or cloth so the shadows show up. Pick objects with different textures and colours, and contrasting shapes.



Tip! Plants are a bit easier to draw than something like a bottle which is symmetrical

You're ready to start!

1) Sketch the objects lightly as big as possible on your paper. Try not to rub out, just re-draw the line if it's in the wrong place.

2) Look really carefully while you're sketching out the objects. Keep glancing quickly up then back at your paper. Check the shapes of the spaces between the objects as well.

3) Where's the light coming from? Are the objects darker on one side? Can you see shadows?



4) When you're happy with the composition, make your lines stronger. Think about texture. Are the lines smooth or rough? Shade in the shadows.

5) Finally, add colour if you're using it and add patterns and final details. Sign your masterpiece and display it!

Use pencil, crayons, coloured pencils, watercolours...

Anything goes!

If you don't want to draw a whole group of objects, have a go at just drawing a piece of fruit. Cut into it to make the shapes more interesting.



Eat it afterwards!

ANOTHER IDEA:

Find something with interesting packaging in your kitchen cupboards and draw it. You could do two or three then cut them out and stick onto coloured paper.



Drawing Warm-up Exercises:

If you're nervous about drawing, look at your objects and draw them with your wrong hand, this can help you relax!

