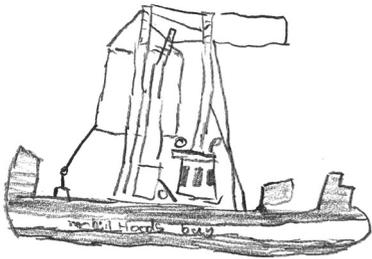


# Make time for

# still life drawing



*Drawing a collection of  
objects that do not move.*



Artists use still life drawing as a way to practice their skills in looking, finding different viewpoints as well as experimenting with different art materials.

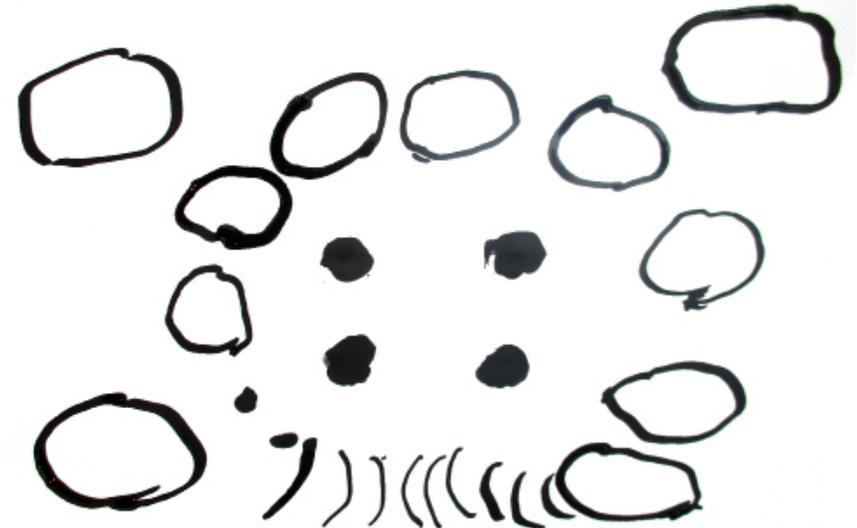


Drawings can be realistic or abstract.

Here are some suggestions to create your own collection of objects to draw:



1. Choose one natural object.
2. Choose another object that is a completely different material to your first object.
3. Choose something with a pattern on it.
4. Choose something that will create an interesting shadow.
5. Choose an object that makes you happy.
6. Choose an object that is your favourite colour.
7. Arrange all your objects together.
8. Play around with their positions to find out what you think looks good. (You can always move things around again.)



For these drawing activities you will need:

1 x pencil

1 x rubber

1 x sheet of black carbon paper

Look at an object  
draw the background

as if colouring in the air around the object.

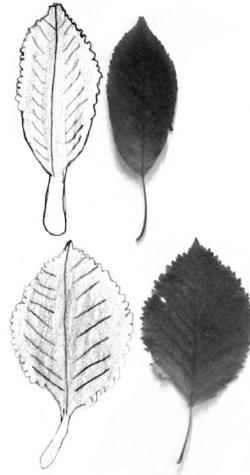
Draw the outline of an object without looking at the paper.



Draw the same object again  
and this time  
change the style of the line.

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Trace around the outline of an object.  
Look closely at the details and patterns  
and copy them on your drawing.



3

Do any of your other objects have  
patterns or designs on them?



If your object has  
shine draw the shine  
on the object.

4

Draw a Picture with  
your non-dominant hand

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Your non-dominant  
hand is the one you  
do not write with.

Or if your object has a shadow,  
draw the shadow  
underneath it.

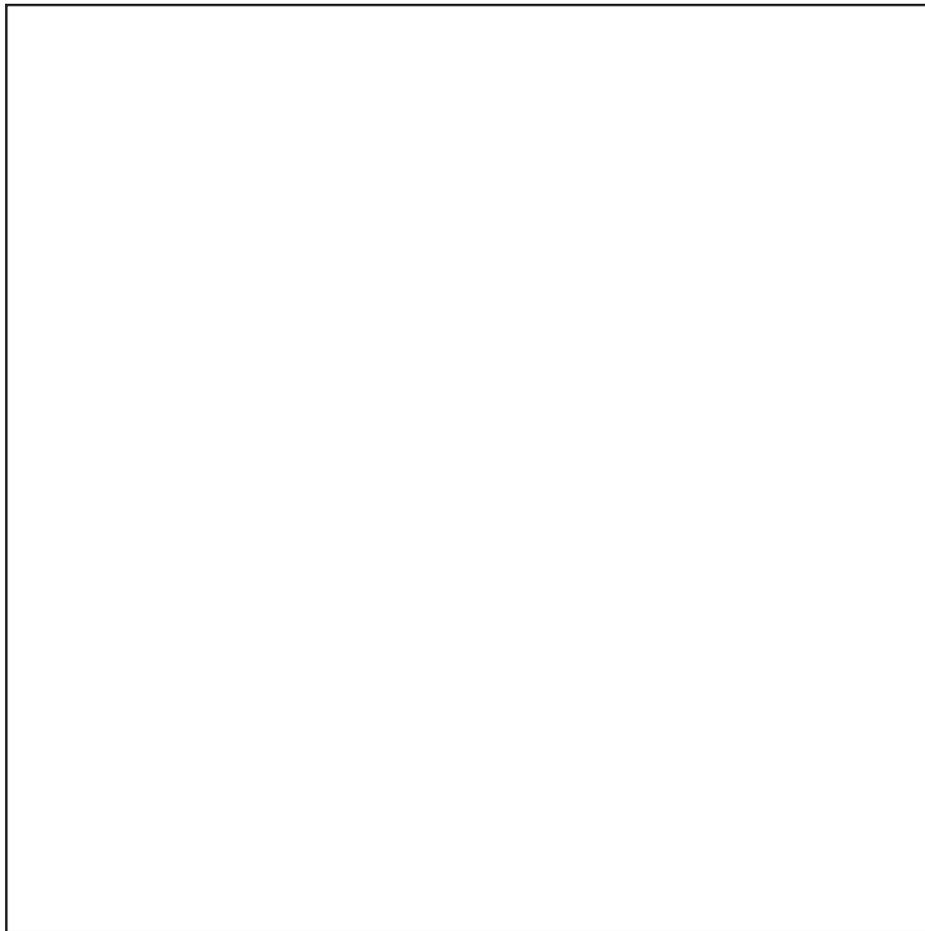
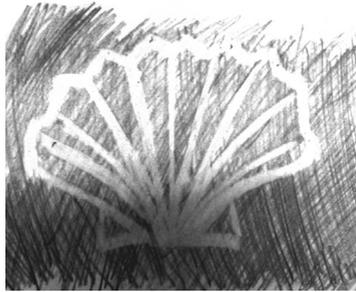


Shade in all of the box below with your pencil.

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Use a rubber to draw with.



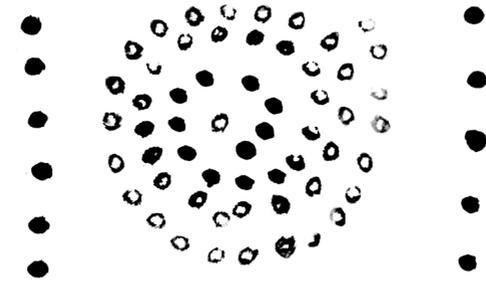
Imagine you are

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a bird

flying over

your collection of objects.



Draw them from a 'bird's eye view'.



Then draw them from an insect's view.

Make a continuous line drawing.

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*Draw without taking  
Pencil off the paper*

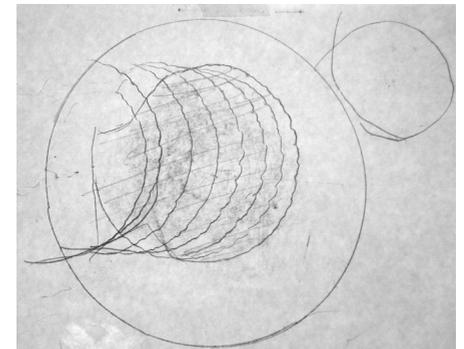


Lay the sheet of black carbon paper (shiny side down)  
on top of this piece of paper.  
Put an object on top and trace around it.  
Move the object and trace again.

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How else can you use  
the carbon paper  
to draw with?



For when you are feeling active...

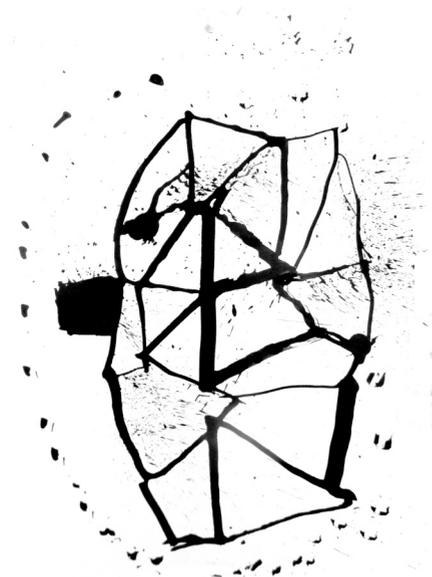
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Write down as many drawing activities as you can.

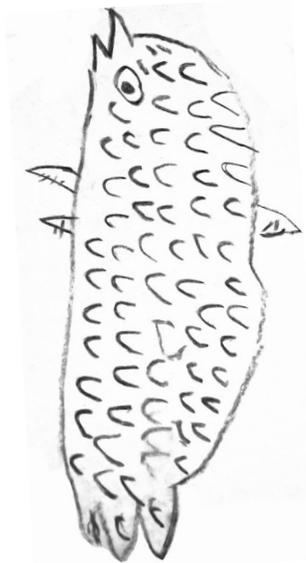
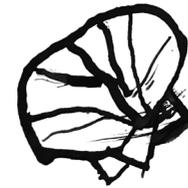
Draw while jumping



Think of some other drawing activities to try out.



Photos of the Kettle's Yard collection:



Drawing activities co-designed with artist Rachel McGivern and participants from

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Arbury Primary School  
Centre 33 Young Carers

**KETTLE'S YARD**

