

Get Creative at Home!

Welcome...

This activity pack was made by local artist Genevieve Rudd and supported by Making Waves Together. Genevieve makes art inspired by the world around her, and has come up with 8 fun and creative things to do at home, in the garden or on a walk.



1. Find a Rainbow



Have a look around your house for colourful objects. Lay them on the floor to make a rainbow and take a photo to see how the colours blend together.

Materials:

- Colourful objects

2. Looking Closer

Make a viewfinder to see the world in a different way. All you need is a small piece of paper or card with a shape cut out of the middle.

You could make a different coloured viewfinders to find different coloured objects, or make ones with shaped holes to change the view.

Materials:

- Small piece of paper or card
- Scissors



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3. Nature Weaving



Make a weaving loom picture decorated with things you find outdoors.

1. Get a piece of cardboard (half an A4 size) and cut 5 evenly spaced 1-2cm slots along the top and bottom
2. Wrap a long piece of string around the cardboard so it fits into the slots. Tape the string to the back
3. Weave your objects in between the string to create your weaving loom picture

Materials:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- String or wool
- Tape
- Things found outdoors such as twigs, leaves and feathers

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4. Make a Sketchbook

A sketchbook is a book of drawings and ideas used by artists. Create your own sketchbook to keep all your drawings together.

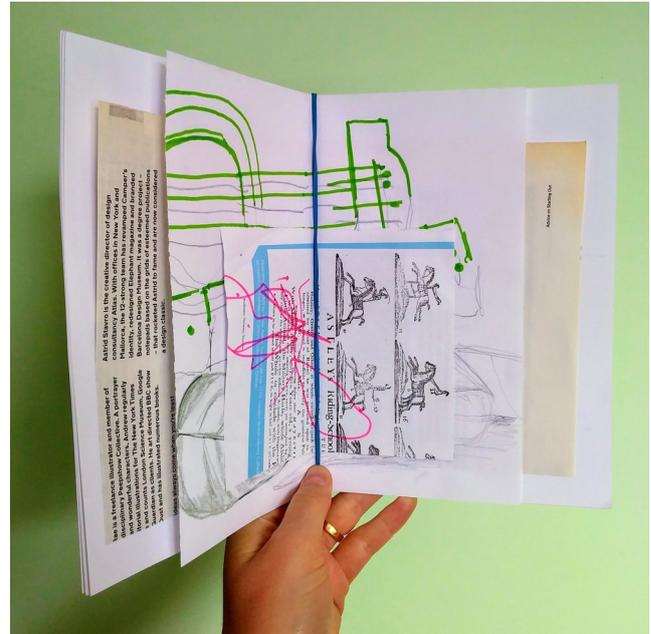
a) Elastic Band book:

Good for organising your drawings!

1. Get a stack of 5-10 sheets of paper
2. Fold each sheet in half
3. Stack the papers back together then wrap an elastic band along the middle fold to make the spine of the book

Materials:

- Paper – scrap, junk mail and recycled paper – size A4 and smaller
- Scissors
- Elastic band



b) Zig Zag book:

Good for making new drawing in!

1. Cut an A4 sheet of paper in half long ways, and tape the ends together making one long piece
2. Fold it in half, then in half, and then in half again!
3. Unfold it and re-fold it to make a zig zag pattern

Materials:

- Paper
- Scissors
- Tape

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5. Shadow Drawing

Shadows made by trees and plants make interesting patterns on the ground. Lay a piece of paper on the ground so that a shadow falls onto it, then draw around the shadow lines.

If you can't do this outside, you can make shadows with objects lit from behind by a lamp at home (get an adult to help!).

Materials:

- Paper (or sketchbook)
- Pencils or pens
- *Optional:* object and lamp



6. Cloud Drawing



On a sunny day, lay on your back on the ground and watch the clouds go by. Have a go at drawing the shapes of the clouds moving across the sky.

What shapes do the clouds make?
What else can you see in the sky?

Materials:

- Paper (or sketchbook)
- Pencils or pens

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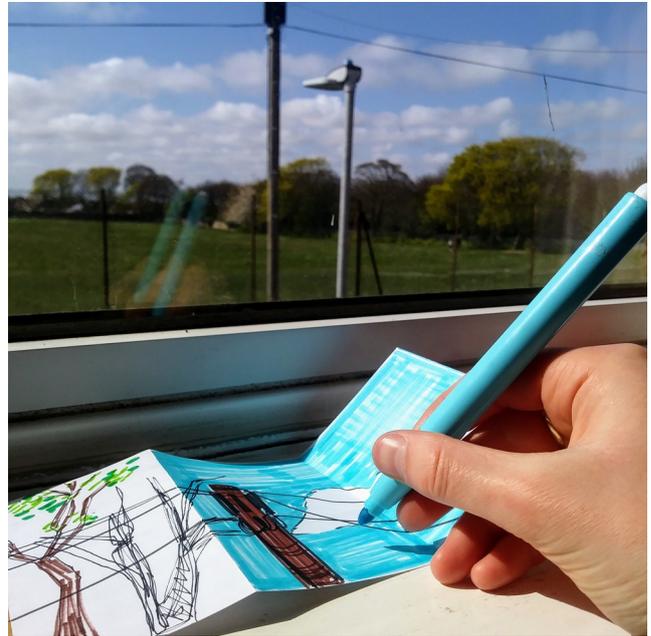
7. Window Diary

Turn your window sill into your own artist studio and draw what you see outside. You could choose a time everyday to draw what you see and draw what you discover happening.

You might see birds flying past, trees, people walking their dogs, washing lines, shops... What else can you spot?

Materials:

- Paper (or sketchbook)
- Pencils or pens



8. Mandala Making



A mandala is a circle pattern made up of smaller rings in the middle and larger ring on the outside.

Create your own mandala circle in the garden using things you find.

How many different things can you use to make your circle? How big can you make your circle?

Materials:

- Things found outside such as twigs, leaves and feathers