

Encounter Craft – 27th May This week – Fun with Fruit!

There are many tasty fruits to enjoy in the summer – and they make great art inspiration, too!

Still Life



Countless artists over the years have been inspired to paint fruit — the glorious colours and different shapes are a great subject! This painting is by the famous artist Matisse — have a look at the juicy colours and mix of shapes. You could arrange some fruit to look at and capture them on paper — keep

it really simple and focus on shape and colour rather than detail. Alternatively, you could draw and paint the shapes and cut them out to stick onto a black background so they really stand out!

Pineapples!





Pineapples are such a great mix of interesting shapes and textures – spiky leaves and diamond-shaped segments on the tough skin.



Try printing with different materials to reproduce this – here, bubble wrap has been painted on and pressed down onto paper. (A pineapple template is attached for you to use if you wish).





Here, little squares of yellow paper have been folded diagonally and stuck on so that one half sticks out to create the texture of the skin. Really effective!

Paper Plate Fruit

The zingy colours of sliced oranges, kiwis, lemons, apples and watermelon look fabulous painted onto paper plates! Again, keep the design simple and the colours strong for the best effect. You may need several coats of paint to get the strong, bright colours of the fruit.



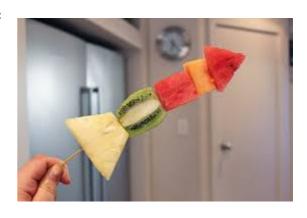


Edible Art!



And how about creating art with the fruit itself – (and then eat it, so it won't go to waste!) This uses sliced bananas, kiwis and satsuma segments...

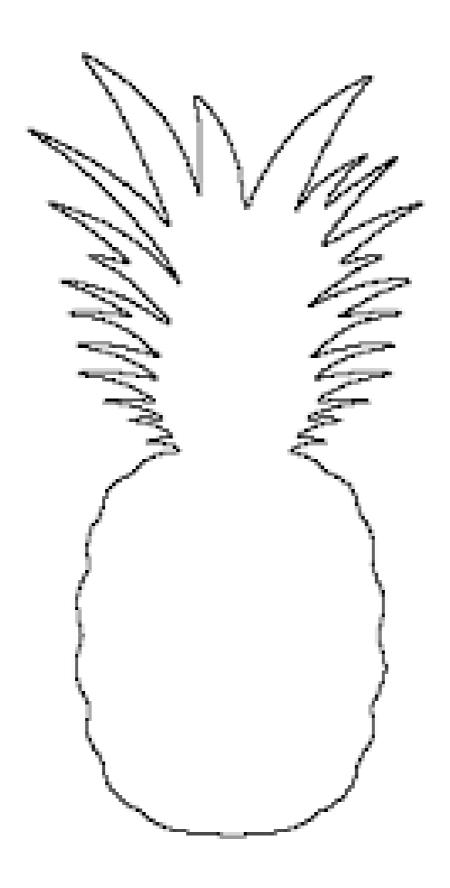
..and this tasty rocket is made of slices of pineapple, kiwi and different types of melon.





How many different fruits can you see in this fabulous fish – and maybe other types of food?

HAVE FUN!!



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