



Encounter Craft – 3rd June This week – Abstract Art

Abstract art is art that does not represent images from our everyday world. It can have colour, lines and shapes, but they don't have to be an object or a person.

Take your pen for a walk

Using a black pen, move it freely around a piece of white paper in all sorts of directions, making sure it overlaps at certain points. Then colour in all or some of the spaces that have been created in whatever colours you choose.

Felt pens



Paint



Masking tape art

Using masking tape – because it peels off easily (don't use sticky tape) – lay down strips across a page or, better still, a piece of blank card or a canvas. Paint bright colours inside the shapes that have been formed. When the paint is completely dry, carefully peel off the tape to reveal clean, crisp lines between the colours.



You could choose to print paint on in a more random, smudgy way, or to do a mix of colours in each section. Try to keep your colours clean for the best effect.





Melted crayon art



This is fabulous! You need old crayons without the wrappers on – any size, any colour. Break them up if you want to make smaller pieces. Then, using craft glue, stick them along the edge of a piece of card or a small canvas. Prop the whole thing up in front of you (with newspaper or an old towel underneath – check before you choose one to use!) Next, you need a hairdryer on a low-blowing setting (so it doesn't cause the wax to spatter). Keep the heat on the crayons and they will begin to melt and drip down the canvas. Beautiful!

Paint blowing

This is so simple, but so effective! Blobs of watery paint on paper can be blown in any direction using a straw. If you want, you can put your blobs of a paint in particular places on the page – for example, to create this elephant's trumpeting shower, or spectacular hair on a portrait!



HAVE FUN!!