

LOST LETTERS

creative challenge #7

I LOVE THIS
BECAUSE...

IT'S NOT
YOUR
BIRTHDAY
BUT...



As part of our Lost Letters project with Surrey History Centre, It's Not Your Birthday But... are inviting you to share an object that you hold dear in a piece of 3D artwork.

Behind every object that we hold dear is a connection to a person or memory. Can you share your story and show us why your object has special meaning, importance or value to you? Does it connect you to someone in particular?

Letters found in the archives show us that many people place sentimental value on objects; be it something small like a stamp or photograph, or something larger like a piece of jewellery or a lock of hair. We discovered that objects often carry meanings or stories that connect people and in turn provide strength or comfort. Below we can see a lock of hair sent by 11 year old Princess Francoise d'Orleans. From exile in Surrey, she sent a lock of her hair to a friend that she missed:



TASK...

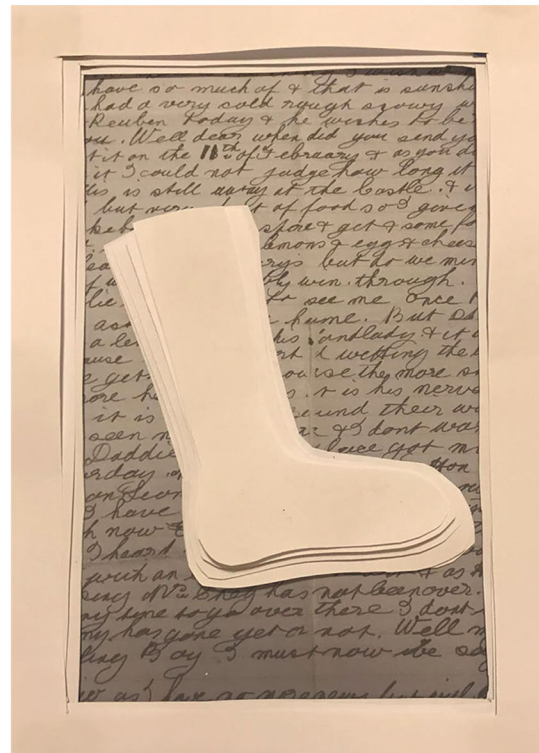
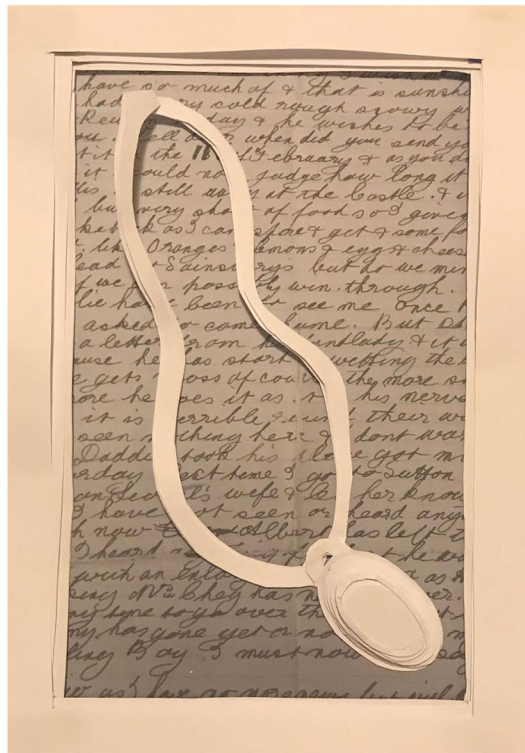
Share an object that you hold dear in
I love this because...



Think of an object that is special to you and create a 3D layered artwork to share your object with us. Start by drawing out the silhouette of your object to create a template, then cut out layers of paper to build your shape up. Each layer will need to be smaller than the one before.

To add interest to your piece, try cutting some detail into your upper layers of paper. Add small pieces of card between your paper layers to add dimension to your piece. Finally, glue all of your pieces together.

Here are some examples:



Share your objects story
with us and write this
behind your 3D creation.

Your sculpture can be as
simple or as detailed
as you like.

You can use any scrap
paper that you have
around the house.



SHARE...

Challenge created by: Nadine Fletcher
Design by: Nicole Cowan



Share your 'I love this because' artwork with us. By sending your work to us it may be shared online, in a touring exhibition, and/or donated to the Surrey History Centre to be stored in the archives.

The more original artwork we receive, the richer our collection will be. We would be grateful if you could take a picture of your I Love This Because piece and post it online using:



itsnotyourbirthdaybut



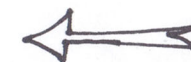
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It's Not Your Birthday But

or email it to:

itsnotyourbirthdaybut@gmail.com



and then post your original to us at:



INYBB, The Old Bank House, 26 Station Approach,
Hinchley Wood, Surrey, KT10 0SR

We recognise that not everyone can make it to a postbox or a post office at the current time, so if you are unable to post it, it is fine to just post it online or email it to us. If you need help with postage costs, please get in touch.



Thanks to the support of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Lost Letters is a project working with people across Surrey, thinking about local history and letters. The 'I love this because' artworks will be stored in Surrey History Centre so that people in the future will understand what people were doing in 2020.

