

# MAKING

## STUDIO.

### GETTING KIDS ENGAGED IN ART



#### EXPLORING THE WORLD OF ART

If you want your child to experience the magical world that art offers, but you struggle with engaging their interest, here are some tips just for you!

We know that making and looking at art builds cognitive skills, emotional intelligence, social awareness and dexterity. Use these 'look, make, explore' ideas now:

#### Select the right artist:

Choose artworks that are playful, colourful, whimsical, instil awe and wonder.

#### Find the right activity:

Draw on your child's interest in materials/techniques, make it fun and achievable.

#### Keep it open:

Allow the making process to take it's own journey. The initial artist connection is merely inspiration.

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## LET'S TO GET YOU STARTED



### ARTIST: JEN STARK

Stark's work is all about colour! She covers murals, clothing, sculptures and digital art with her strong contrasting colours and patterns.

See some of her work here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGk1z6S4GoA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MiljzYIzVt4>

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### ACTIVITY: DRAWING & COLLAGE

How are you going to show colour?  
Oil pastels, paints, chalk, markers, pencils.

How are you going to show lines?  
Drawing, painting, collage.

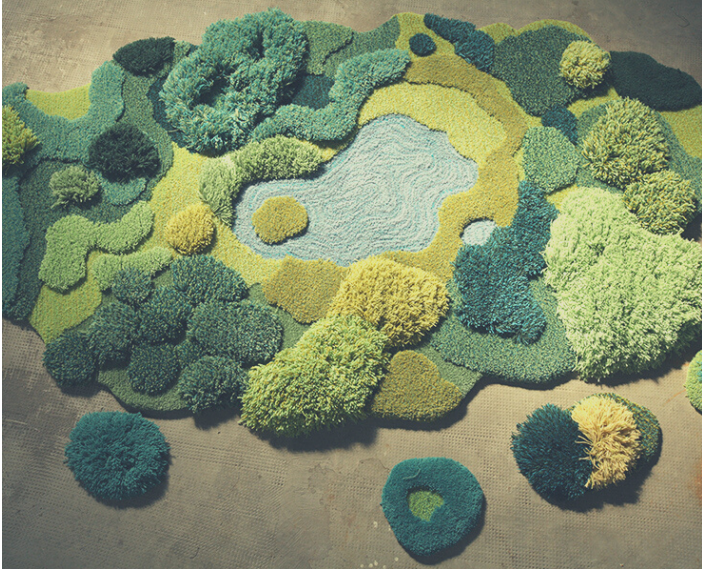
You could:

- Use chalk to make a drip drawing mural or pavement art.
- Cut out layers of contoured paper to make a collage.
- Draw drip lines falling down a page, colour with whatever material you like.
- Arrange petals, leaves, stones to make dripping nature art.



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### ARTIST: ALEXANDRA KEHAYOGLOU

Kehayoglou uses traditional carpet making techniques, passed down from her family, to make large areal landscapes. Viewers feel like birds or giants looking down on the world.. There are lots of different textures and shapes.

See some of her work here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bv12948fE8U&t=6s>

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### ACTIVITY: MAKING A CARPET

What aerial landscape are you going to create?

Forests and rivers, cities, other planets.

You could:

- Use fabric scraps, sheets, clothes to make a magical forest.
- Arrange toys and books in groups to make a city.
- Draw an aerial view of an undiscovered planet with chalk outside your house.

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### ARTIST: ANTHONY HOWE

Howe makes large metal sculptures that move in the wind. This is called kinetic art. He uses hard steel and other metals that stay strong outside in all sorts of weather. His sculptures are mesmerising as we watch them swirl around and around

See some of his work here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2op\\_dhSGFco](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2op_dhSGFco)

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### ACTIVITY: MAKING A KINETIC SCULPTURE

What could you make your sculpture from?

Recycled materials, metal, plastics, paper.

How will your sculpture move?

It might spin, sway, wobble or bounce.

You could:

- Create a mobile with recycled materials and string. Make sure your hanging pieces are light enough to catch the wind.
- Use a box for a base and have things bouncing around on pipe cleaners poking out of it.