

Non Required Work in Art & Design

Here are a few ideas to help you extend your skills in Art and Design:

1. Draw something! Draw anything! Challenge yourself by drawing difficult things (animals, people, objects) or simply doodle to build up your confidence.
2. Overcome the problem of staring at a blank page by adding a blob (coffee stain, fingerprint, paint splash) or a loose scribble. Now turn the blob/scribble into something
3. If you have access to a printer or magazines, print or cut out an image before gluing the image onto a piece of paper. Now extend the image or add a background. Add colour or pattern using whatever materials you like.
4. Create a repeat pattern. Look at examples of wallpaper or repeat patterns. See if you can create your own design.
5. Write your name lightly. Turn the letters into bubble lettering or block letters. Now turn your letters into graffiti style lettering by making the edges, corners of each letter sharper or more angular. There are lots of YouTube videos around if you want to see some ideas.
6. Design a comic book character and create a comic book page for your character. It doesn't have to be a superhero. It's your character, you can do what you like.
7. Create an anthropomorphic character. This is where you give an animal or object human like qualities.
8. Create a stop-motion animation using objects, action figures or a character made out of plasticine. Look for a free app to help you. Again see You-tube for tutorials on this.
9. Visit a gallery. Find an artwork you like or find interesting and do some research around it. Who is the artist? What is the artwork made with or what inspired it.
10. Take a walk and pick up an object or series of objects as you walk. Now draw the objects you have selected.
11. Create an artwork from unusual materials such as coffee, food colouring or even Ketchup.
12. Redesign a famous logo. What could the McDonalds or Adidas logo look like?
13. Recreate a famous painting by dressing yourself up and using props. Take a selfie. Now draw the photograph.
14. Create a dream like collage using images from the internet or magazines or create an assemblage by sticking together found objects to create an artwork.
15. Research an artist. Create a presentation on them.
16. Watch an arty programme such as Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year or The Great Pottery Throwdown.
17. Explore a new material. Have you got any old paints or pastels lying around the house. Experiment with them. Find out what you can do with them. How you can apply them, blend them, mix them, create interesting effects or textures with them. Record your findings.
18. Take rubbings of raised/textured surfaces. Could you cut them out and piece them together to create something new?
19. Be a fashion designer for the day. Design a new outfit, PE Kit, pair of sneakers etc.
20. Research an Art related career.