LITTLE BOOK OF

## Creativity

TAKING TIME TO OPEN YOUR CREATIVE MIND

# Take care of your Mind, Body & Soul.

Exploring your creative side can be a rewarding way to express yourself, de-stress and find a sense of calm.

Maintaining a healthy creative practice is a journey and it can be challenging to keep up with the habit alongside our busy lives.

You are taking the first step by opening this book!

#### How to use this book:

Sit down and fill out a creative task while placing a focus on the present moment. Use this time to find inspiration and express yourself without judgement.

#### Brainstorming

| Think about activities that you are interested in creatively, what inspires you and areas in the arts you want to learn about. Then scribble down some notes to help you form a list of goals. |  |  |  |
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#### **Your Creative Goals**

Write a list of creative goals you want to complete over time. For example, 'Paint a life-like image of myself.' or 'Write a poem for a friend.'

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#### Mandala Time

Doodle outward and around the circle in the middle of the page to create a mandala drawing.

#### **Creative Writing**

Find a painting or photograph that you like.

Describe it using only single words - find as many words as you can.

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#### Again & Again

Draw anything you want to in the first box and try to draw exactly the same shape over and over again.

#### **Music Time**

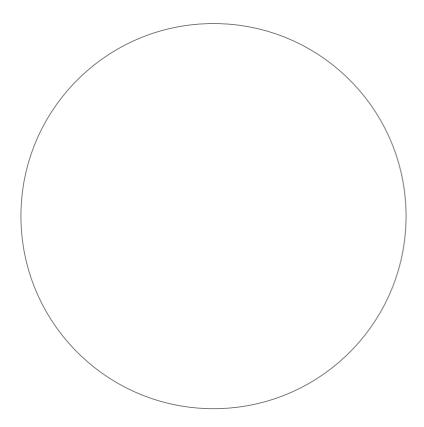
Listen to soft classical music for a few minutes and draw how you feel while you are listening. Then put on some dance music and do the same.

See how your drawing style changes.

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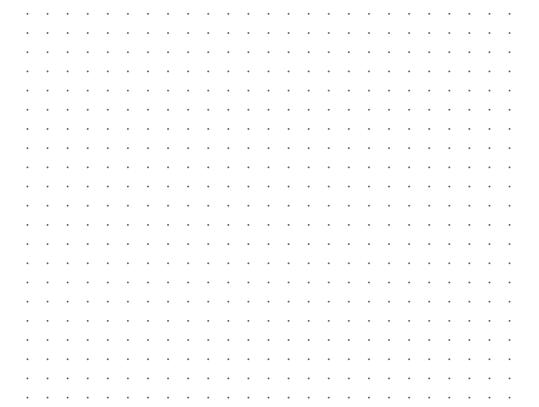


#### **Drawing Style**

Who is your favourite artist? Find an object in your living room and draw it while replicating your favourite artist's style.

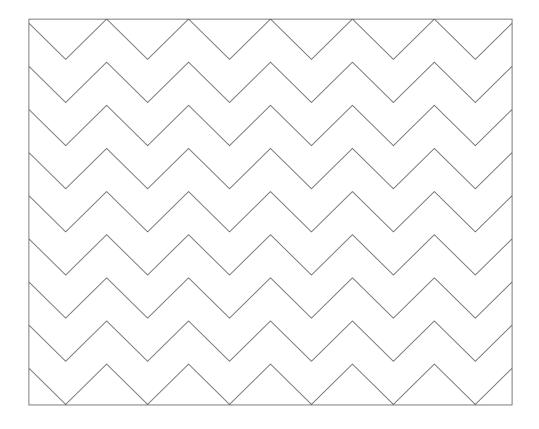
#### **Pattern Play**

Utilise the dot grid to make a pattern, be as free or rigid as you would like.



#### **Chevron Cool**

Colour in the pattern - select fun and bright colours.



#### **Creative Writing**

Write about your first memory.

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#### **Use What You Have**

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#### Fill In The Gaps

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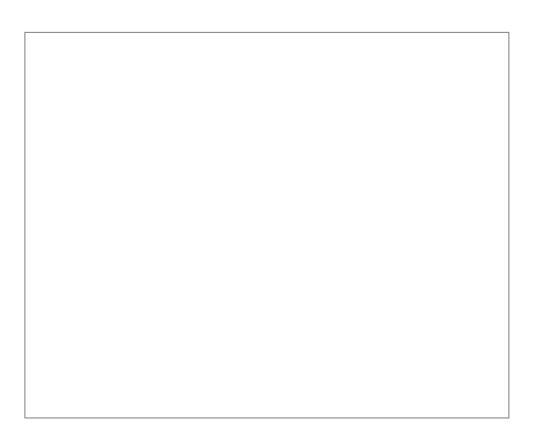


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#### **Moody Moments**

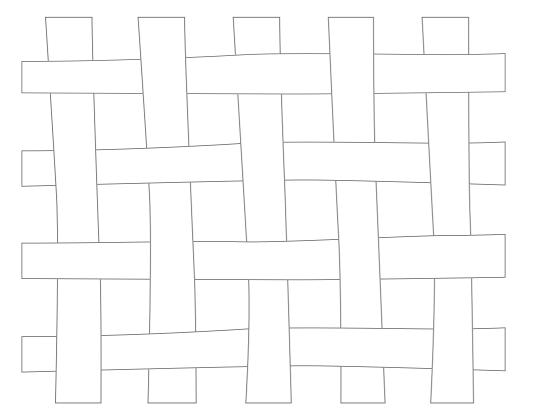
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#### Weave Your Way Around

Use any colours you can find to colour the weave below.



#### **Explore Your Materials**

Use different drawing materials and media to fill the page with lines. Explore the effect of using different brushes, pens and pencils.

#### Write It Out

Write a short story with the title 'You can have it all'.

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#### **Tessellate**

Using colour pencils continue the pattern all around the page.

#### **Emotional Exploration**

How are you feeling? Draw or paint your emotions.

Happy - Sad - Angry - Nervous - Surprised - Silly...

Creativity takes courage.

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#### **Memory Time**

Draw an object in your kitchen from memory.

#### **Look Around You**

Go outside and describe what you see around you. Then draw a quick sketch without taking your pen/pencil off the page.

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#### **Material Matters**

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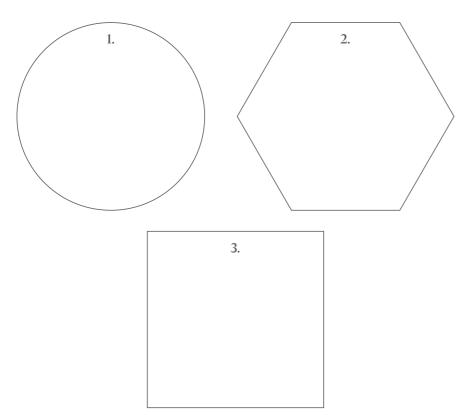
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#### What You Like

Design a postcard that you would like to receive.

#### What Do You Love?

Describe three things you love.



#### Mix It Up

Draw the first letter of your name in nine different ways.

#### **One Long Line**

Pick up a pencil and draw a landscape without lifting your pencil off the paper until you are done.

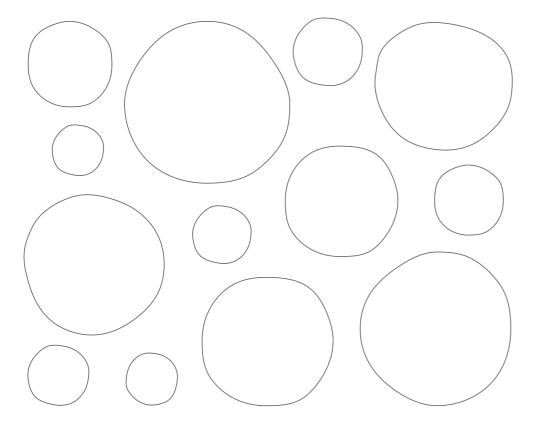


#### **Random Drawing**

Ask a friend to draw a random shape and then complete the drawing.

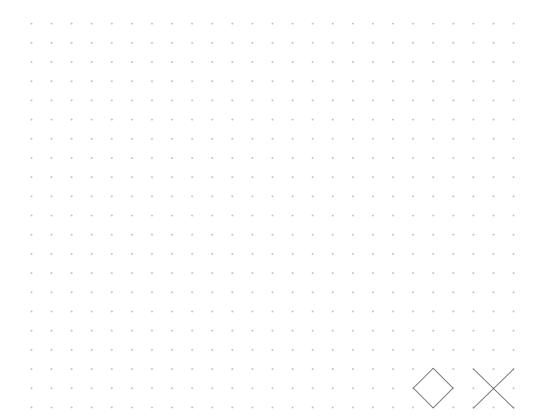
#### **Imagining People**

Imagine these circles are faces of different people. Draw in their features and try to make them really different from each other.



#### **Pattern Play**

Continue the pattern around the entire dot grid however you like.

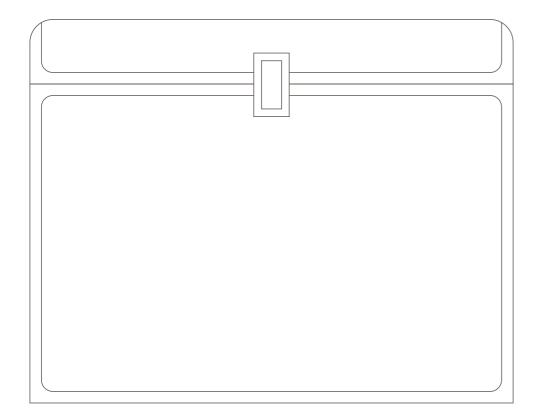


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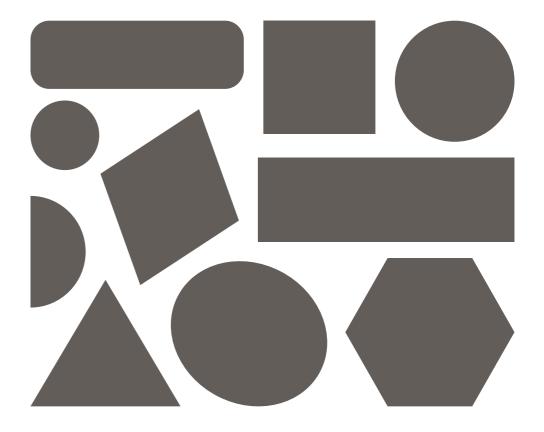
#### **Explore Your Materials**

Use any drawing materials to fill the box with your favourite things.



#### **Inverted Art**

Use white paint, pens or pastels to create inverted patterns over the shapes below.



#### **Pattern Collages**

Cut out simple shapes from different coloured papers and create a pattern.

#### **Creative Writing**

Describe three different items without directly naming them.

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Know your worth, do what you love, believe in yourself.

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#### Make It Up

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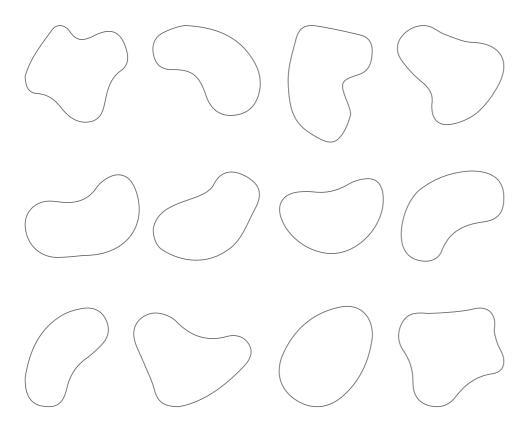
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#### **Your Perfect Day**

Use anything you can find to create your vision of a perfect day.

#### Playful Fun

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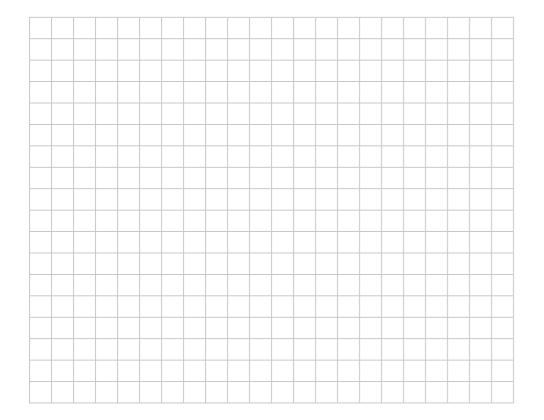
#### **Representing You**

Create a flag design that represents you and write an inspiring personal motto for yourself.

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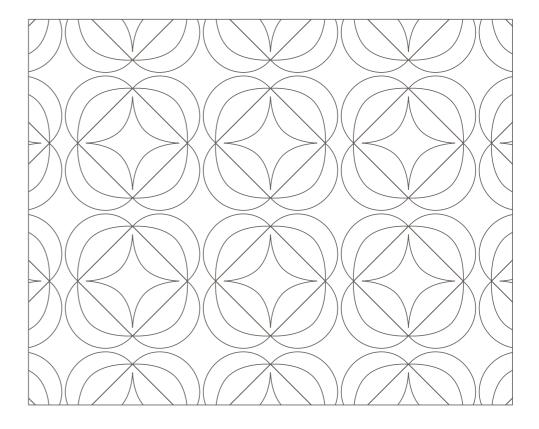
#### **Hand Lettering**

Create hand lettering for the phrase 'I Believe in you'.



#### Pattern Play

Colour in the pattern using blue and green tones.



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#### **Medium Experiments**

Draw the same object four times using different mediums.



#### **Colour Exploration**

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### **Explore Effects**

Go for a walk outside and collect some natural materials like leaves, sticks, etc.

Press them in paint and then press them onto the page to create imprints.

Think about composition when doing this task.

#### **Draw What You See**

Draw everything inside your backpack or handbag.

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# **An Introspective Story**

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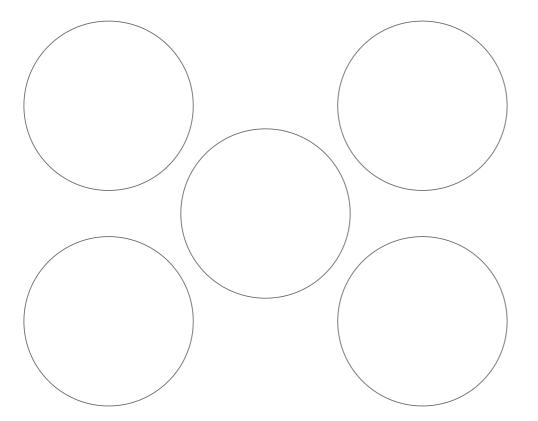
### **Drawing From Inspiration**

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### **Button Badges**

Using a pen or pencil, come up with some fun one colour designs for button badges that you would want to wear on your jacket.

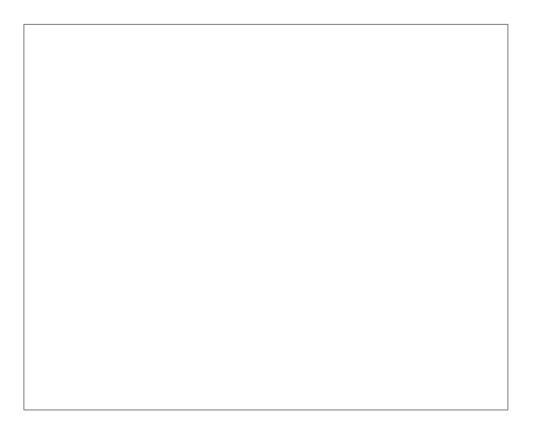


### **Pattern Play**

Create a unique pattern using only straight lines.

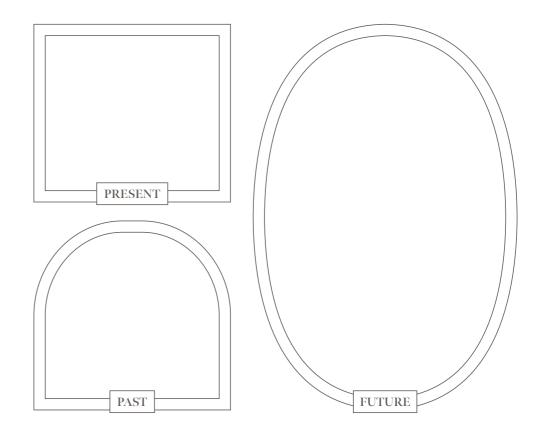
# **Collage Time**

Cut shapes out of coloured paper and create a bold, graphic and abstract design by pasting them in the box below.



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Create self-portraits any way you would like in the frames below.



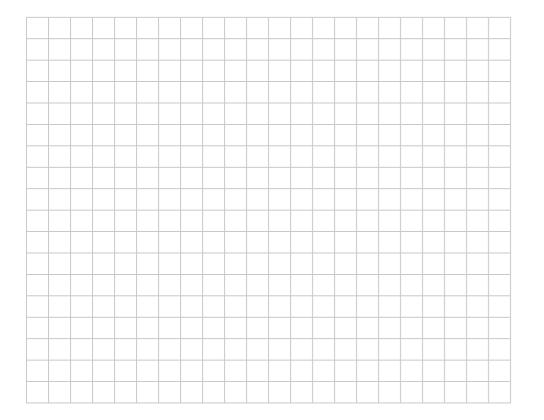
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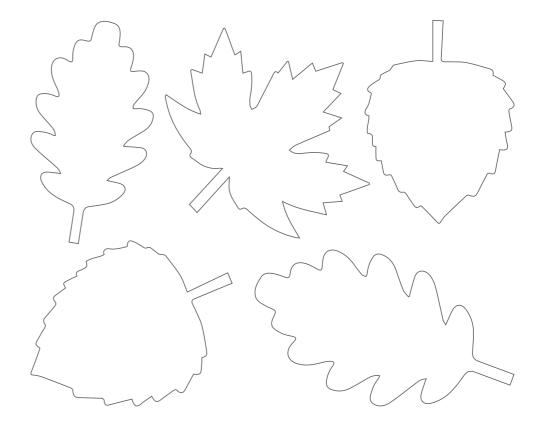
### **Letter Play**

Create the words 'Start where you are' using any material you like.



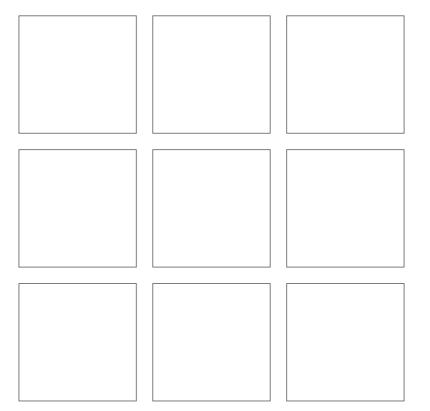
#### Take Your Time

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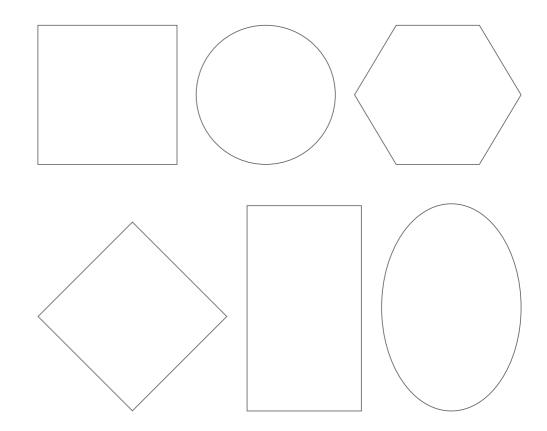
#### **Dots And Circles**

Create a different design in each square using only dots and circles. Use different drawing or painting materials. Experiment with scale.



### **Random Pattern Play**

Create patterns inside each shape below, in any way you like.



Every artist was once an amateur.

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### **Pattern Play**

Continue this line pattern using different materials.

# **Drawing From Memory**

Draw something memorable from your childhood using only one colour.

### A Woven Rug

Cut or rip thin strips of recycled paper, weave them together both vertically and horizontally to create a paper rug.

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### **Ink Drawings**

Use black ink in the boxes below to experiment with mark-making.

### **Drawing The Sea**

Draw the sea using different media in each square.



### **Hand Lettering**

Brainstorm some positive words that inspire you and create hand lettering at different angles.

The world of imagination is boundless.

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#### **Creative Characters**

Create two characters, briefly describe what they look like and then draw their portrait from your description.

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### **Drawing What You See**

Draw a food item in each section of the grid. Limit your colour palette to two colours per item.

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### **Explore Effects**

Find a small object with a lot of texture that you can use as a stamp. Make an artwork by pressing the object into paint and then laying it onto the space below.

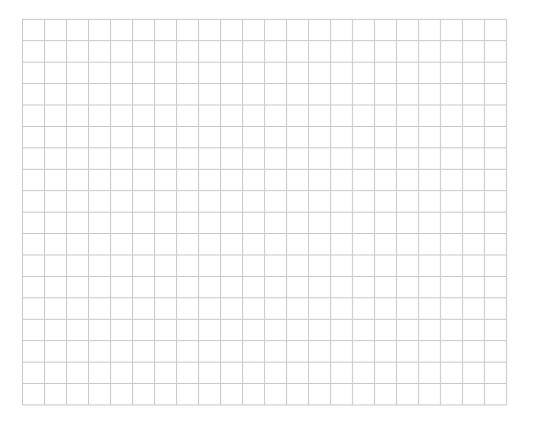
### **Creative Writing**

Open up a dictionary on a random word. Define what it means to you.

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# **Hand Lettering**

Try hand lettering the word 'Art' multiple times using different mediums in the space below.



## **Imagine**

| Collect random objects that you think will make interesting imprints.  |
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| Apply paint onto them and press them onto the paper. Add extra designs |
| to your artwork with a fine liner once the page is dry.                |

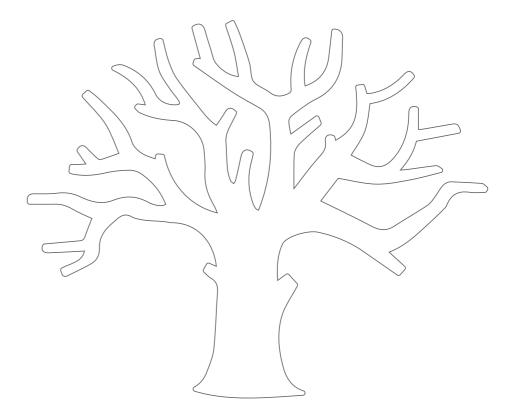
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#### **Symmetry**

Create a symmetrical drawing. Draw one side first and then repeat it exactly on the opposite side.

## **Collaging Nature**

Find different types of paper, cut out leaf shapes and paste them on the tree below to create a collage.



### **Texture Rubbing**

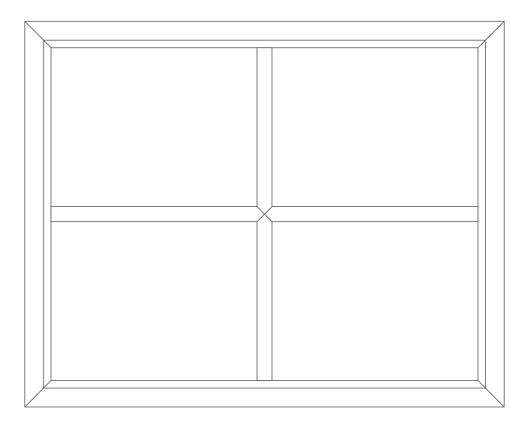
Find a few textured objects and put them under this page.

Take a pencil/crayon and colour over the top to create unique textures.

#### **Drawing From Your Imagination**

Where would you like to be right now?

Draw a landscape of that place behind the window frame below.



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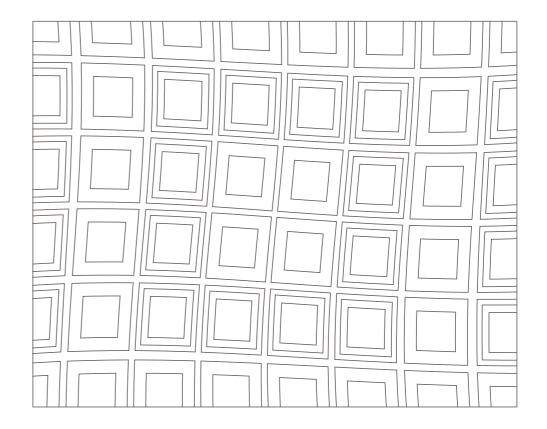
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#### **Art Director**

Pick a random word and then create an illustration to reflect that word.

## Pattern Play

Use only cool colours like blue, green and purple to colour this pattern.



### **Triple Drawing**

Pick any object from your bedroom. Draw it in detail. Then illustrate it two more times, each time making the illustration more abstract.

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### **Drawing In Plein Air**

Take a trip to a local park and draw some plants. Explore exotic varieties.

Alternatively, you can use your own backyard.

Creative minds inspire others.

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### **Creative Writing**

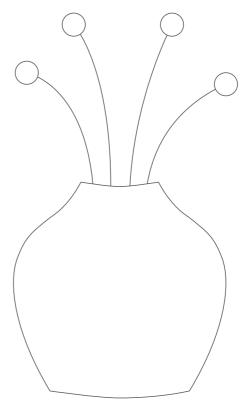
Find a random picture of a person, paste it below and write about what you think happened in their day.

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### **Finger Painting**

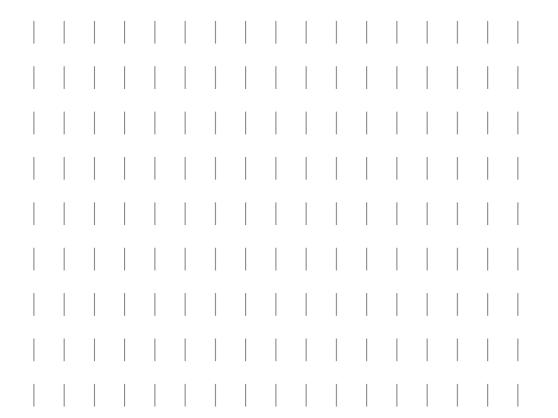
Press your index finger into paint and use it as a brush to paint below.

Add petals to the stems and decorate the vase.



### **Changing Patterns**

Add more lines to transform this pattern.



#### **Personal Writing**

Write about a cherished family member or a person you admire.

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### Walk & Play On Paper

Go on a walk with a piece of paper and pen - draw ten different things. Cut them out and paste them here to create a new image.

# **Colour Therapy**

Use a fine liner to scribble an abstract drawing and then colour it in. Turn a simple scribble into something beautiful.

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### **Explore Your Materials**

Draw your favourite flower using only the material you always avoid.

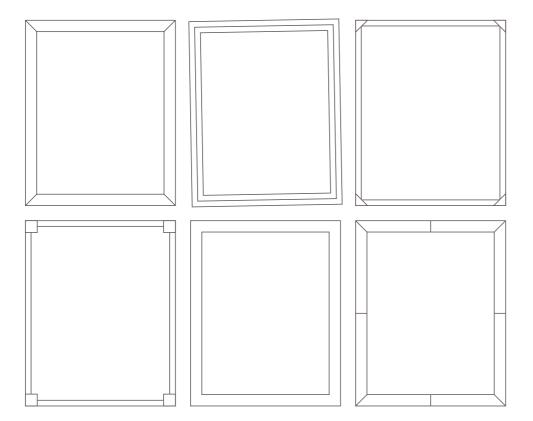
## **Exploring Shape**

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### Who Are You?

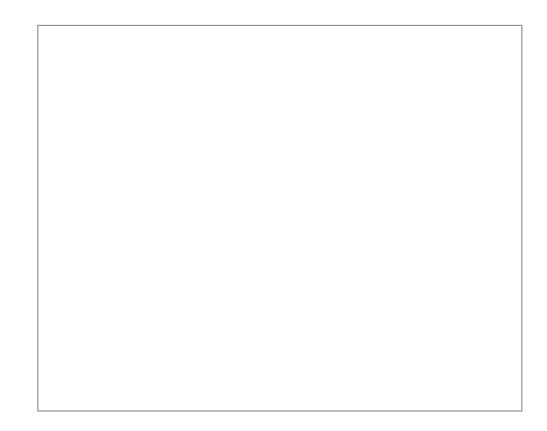
Draw a self-portrait in each picture frame.



#### Facial Structure

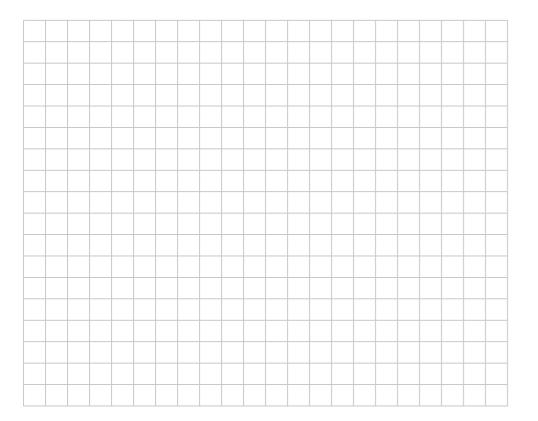
Using a pencil, draw a continuous line to create a face.

Don't take your pencil off the page.



# My Name Is...

Write your name as creatively as possible.

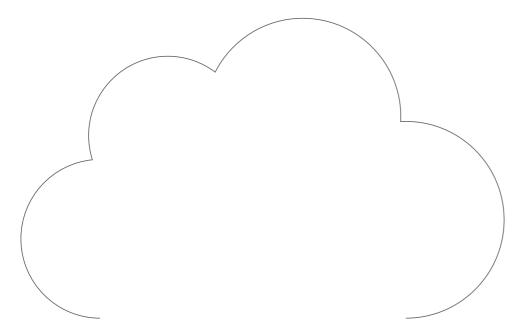


### **Pattern Play**

Fill all of the tiles below with patterns.
Use only warm colours like reds, yellows and oranges.

## **Imaginary Rain**

Use your imagination to draw rain falling from the cloud below.



### Drawing

Go outside and collect a few different objects that interest you. Draw one object very close up. Capture all of the little details and colours.

## Creative Writing #1

Using the prompt below, write a short story.

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# Creative Writing #2

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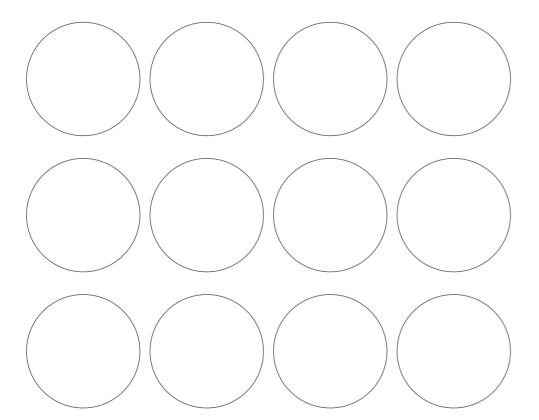
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### Dots & Dots & Dots

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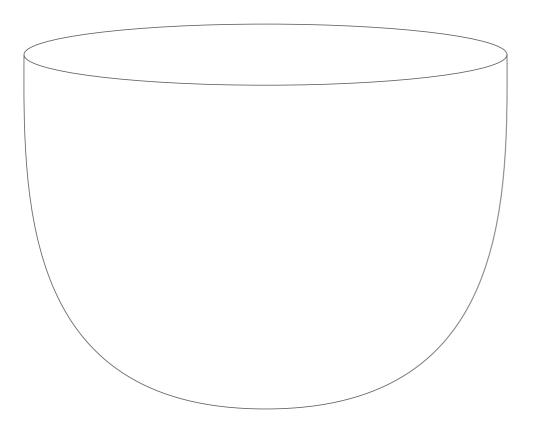


## **Another Perspective**

Find a picture of a subject you want to draw, turn it upside down and draw what you see.

### Fruit Bowl Fun

Fill the bowl with drawings of fruit you love to eat.
Try to draw with your non-dominant hand.



# A Bird Collage

Create a bird collage using torn paper. Try to use a bold and graphic style.

Let go of things that keep you from being creative.

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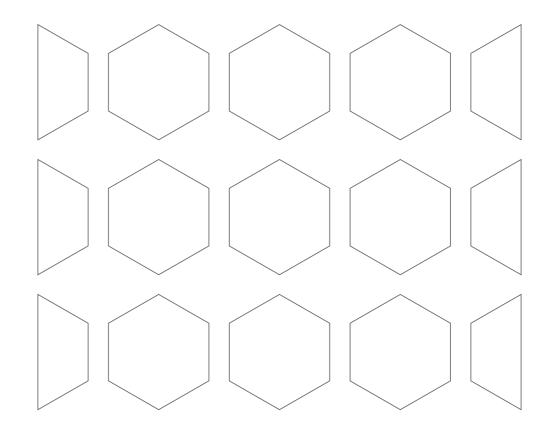
## **Expressive Painting**

Mix a little bit of paint with water and create splatters by shaking a paintbrush.

Once it is dry, use pen to draw around the edges of the shapes you have made.

## **Colouring In**

Use pencils to colour in each shape below so that no shape is next to a shape with the same colour.



# **Cutting & Pasting**

Use paper cutouts to create a fun pattern. Limit your colour palette to three colours.

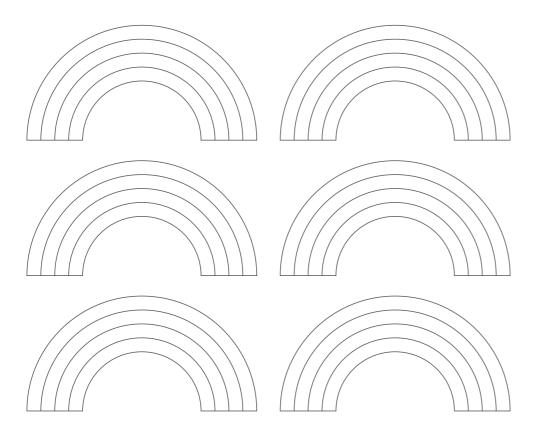
### Write About It

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# **Mindful Colouring**

Colour in the rainbows below - row by row.



### **Texture Party**

Using a fine-liner pen, fill the boxes with different drawn textures.
You could try crosshatching, stipple, dot shading, etc

Creativity is magic.

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# Chase the fire that ignites your soul.