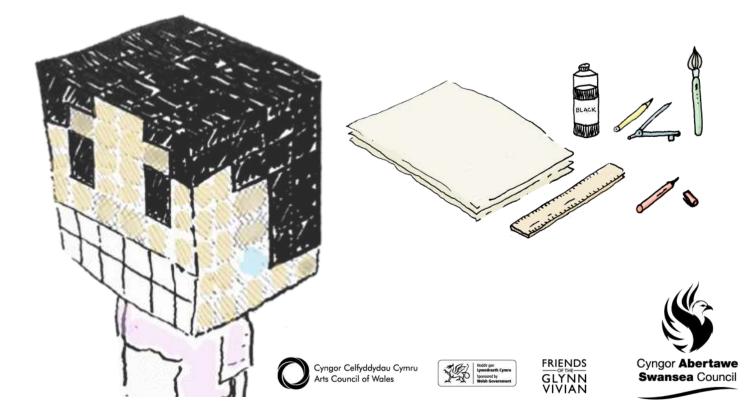




Art activities for families



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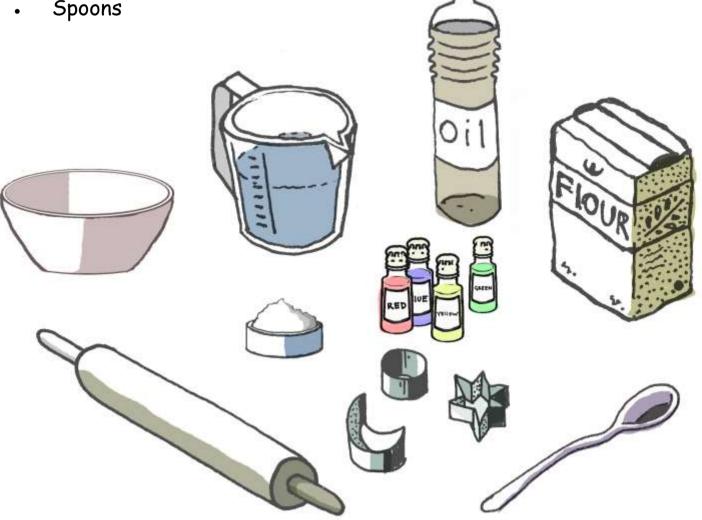
Salt Dough

We're going to make pretend food that you can use for some imaginative role play!

This recipe makes enough dough for 3 children

You will need:

- Food colouring or a little child safe paint
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1/2 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1/2 cup water
- Bowl
- Spoons





Mix a few drops of food colouring with water and oil, and gradually mix it in to the flour and salt (go easy with the liquid - you can always add more if needed!).

Knead the dough. Add a bit of flour if it feels too sticky, or a bit more water if it is too crumbly.

Children love to mix the dough! If you're worried about the mess, place the ingredients into a zip lock bag so that children can 'smoosh' it till mixed.

You can keep the mix in the fridge if you want it to last a bit longer, but it tends to get crumbly after a while.

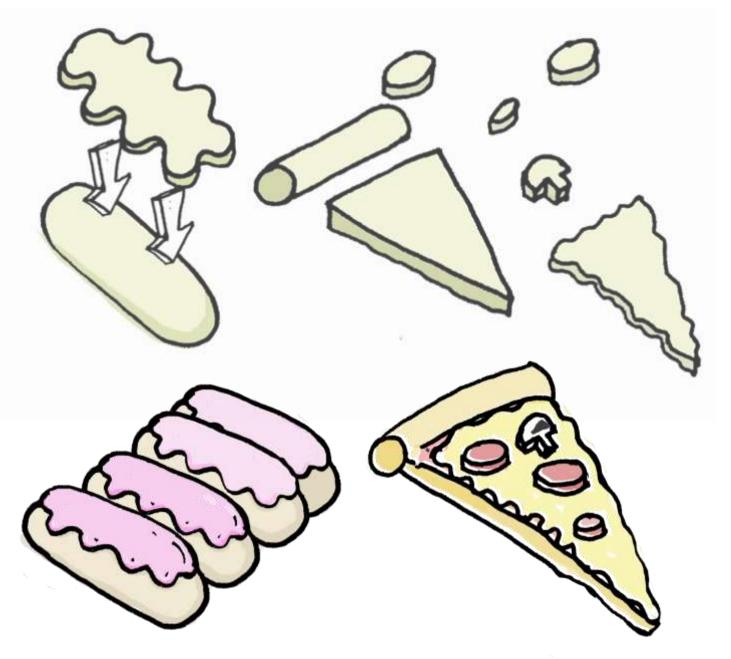
Add children, rolling pins, stamps, cutters and enjoy!

(Tip- this works really well in high-chair trays!)





try making different foods from your dough. You could try making cup cakes, make a ball of dough about the size of a cup cake case then roll out a long sausage to curl up as icing on top. Use a few drop of water to stick the different parts together.



You could try making different pastries, like this iced bun! Or perhaps try making a slice of pizza, roll out the dough and cut a triangle for the base then add a thinner piece for the cheese and smaller circles and shapes for the toppings!

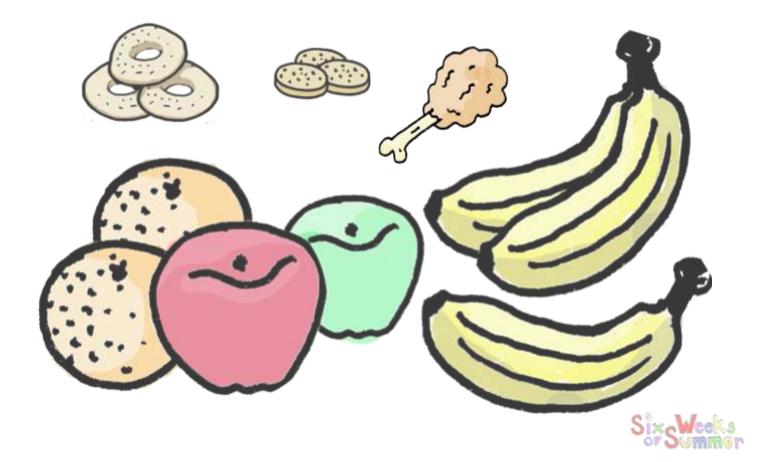




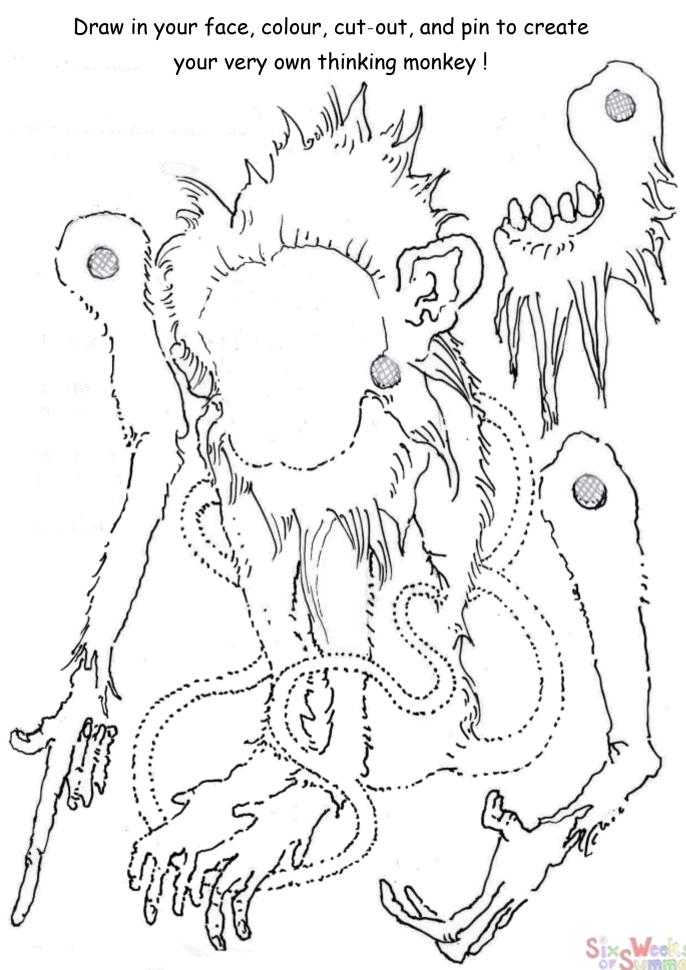
To harden your creations, bake in the oven for two hours at gas mark 1-2. Once they have hardened and cooled you can paint your models and use them for a role play café.



If you want to protect the models you can coat the play food with PVA glue. Here's some more examples you could try!



Thinking Monkey



Make Your own Pixel Head



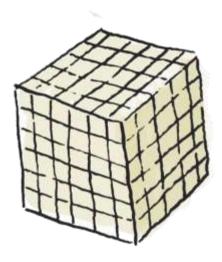
What you will need;

- Pencil
- scissors
- ruler
 - coloured paper or paint

 With your ruler and pencil divide your box into squares.



2. Paint or collage each square to make a pixel version of you



3. You can cut eyeholes if you like and piece sponge inside will help keep it on your head. Put it on and prank your family!



Mix And Match Mask



You will need:

- 1 large piece of card or firm paper, cut into the shape of a face for your mask base.
- Scraps of paper, card, or fabric, cut into different shapes to use for your features.
- Scissors
- Glue/Blu-tack or tape

Look at your face in a mirror, or get your grown up to pose for you so that you can get a good look at their face! Look at the shape of their eyes, nose, mouth and ears, and where they are on he face.

Take your mask base and place it flat in front of you. Now for the fun part! Play lucky dip with your cut out scrap shapes - no peeking! Pull out one piece at a time from your scrap shape pile until you have enough for eyes, nose, mouth and ears.



Experiment with placing the pieces in different positions on your base.



- See how changing the position or shape of the eyes and mouth can make your mask look angry, happy, sad and confused!
- Try adding more pieces to give your mask eyebrows, nostrils, cheeks and eyelids! What other features could you add?
- Try using different types of paper or card and layering shapes to give texture.

When you're happy with your mask glue the pieces in place. or use blu tack or washi tape that you pull apart and re-stick to change your mask again and again!

Make a mask with a friend!

Turn making a mask into a game with someone else by taking it in turn to pick out shapes, so that you make your masks together! Try swapping masks with each other halfway through to see what other features you could add! It can be exciting and funny to see how different people look at the same thing!



Home is... A cardboard Construction Project



- other scrap brown card,
- pva glue,
- scissors,
- craft knife (optional with adult supervision)

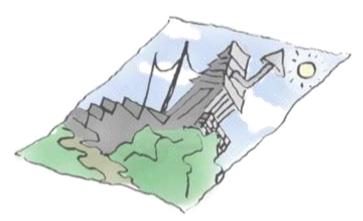
The idea of home can be much more than bricks and mortar. The people we know? The things we do? ? A walk? A tree? The snow that year? The taste of strawberry jam on toast in the morning? Home could be now, or the past, or future. It could be dreams or reality.

In this project we are going to build our idea of home, bringing emotion, memory and imagination together to create a structure that is truly us...

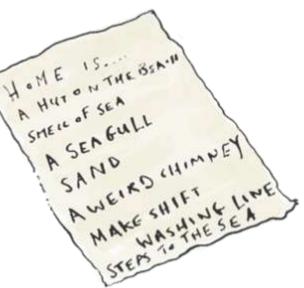


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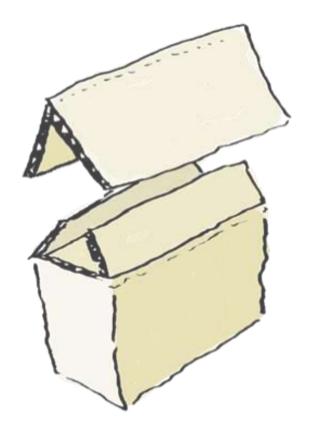
Step 1: Using the start Home is... make a list of things and places that you think of as home



Step 3: Use your drawing as a design to build your house from cardboard.



Step 2: Make a drawing of your home. This can be as realistic not as you like!



Here are a few useful tips:

- Use a small box, it will be easier to add detail to.
- You can use the lid of the box as support for your roof.



Step 4. Add details to your house.

- A wire
- a window frame
- an aerial

a wall

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Cut long strips Of card and then cut them into bricks or tiles

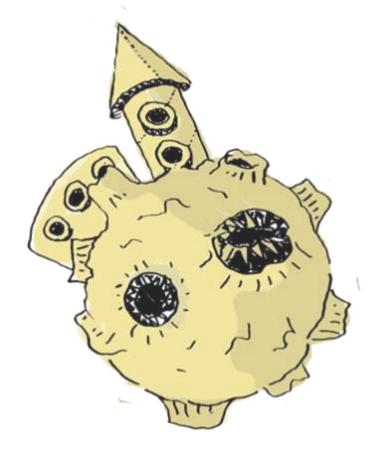
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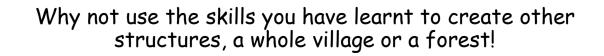
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You can glue these on to make walls look realistic

You can add objects and people by creating mini-standies



Add things from your imagination! Maybe your house is in a tree or on the moon, or underground like a hobbit from Lord of the Rings! Maybe you have a zip line from your bedroom to a swimming pool or maybe your house is cobbled together like the burrow in Harry Potter.





Secret mini homes

What you could use....

- Empty box
- Toilet rolls or corks
- Glue, scissors, paints
- or colouring pens
- Fabric scraps, old magazines,
- greetings cards, photos

Choose your box.

This will form the base of your mini home.

If you want your mini home to be secret, look for a box that you can close shut.

Will your home be a square house shape, a tree house, a boat, or a castle?

How might the shape or size of your box influence the shape of your house?

Use paints, fabric scraps or old wrapping paper to decorate the inside of your mini home.









Make Your Family or Friends

You can use loo rolls, corks or even clothes pegs as the base for your family. Use pens, pictures from magazines or old photographs to give them faces.

- What hairstyles will you give your family? Use cotton wool, yarn and even grass cuttings to give everyone unique hair.
- Don't forget your pets! To make the pointy cats ears in these photos, we folded in the tops of the cardboard tubes. This works really well for dogs too! What other animals could you make?





Make it unique!

Now you can add furniture, cups and saucers, trees and plants, and even next door neighbours!

Remember, you can also decorate the outside of your mini home! It's <u>your</u> mini home and you can decide how to decorate it and how wild and creative you want it to be so if you want crazy trees or a house just for your pet dog then go for it!



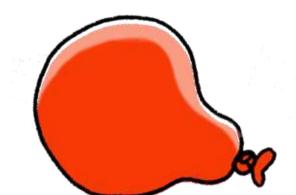


To make your very own astronaut's helmet you will need;

- A balloon or box
- Glue
- Newspaper or scrap paper
- Scissors
- Brushes
- Plastic pots bottles and lids
- Masking tape
- Tinfoil or paint

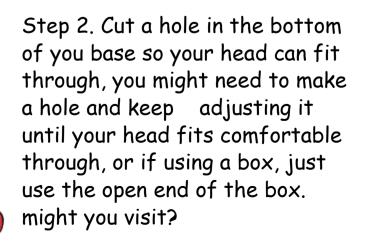








Step 1. Start by making a base for your helmet, you could make a paper mache base by covering a balloon with strips of newspaper and glue, or even by mixing a little flour and water to make a paste. Or if you want to make it easier, use a cardboard box!



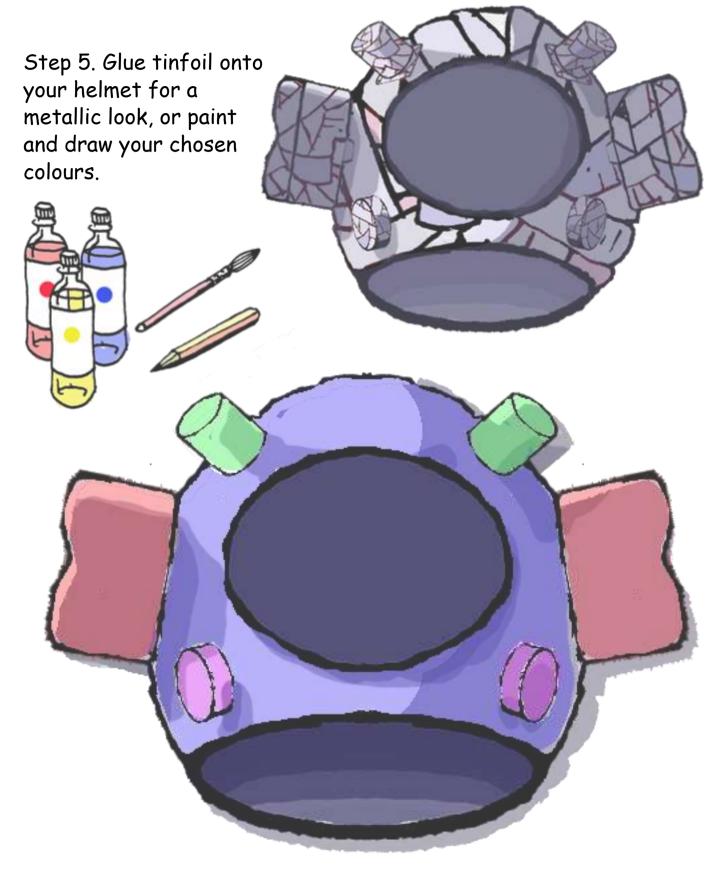


Step 3. Next cut a window in the front of your helmet base so you can see through the front, you might need a grown up to help with this part!

Step 4. Now that the helmet has a basic shape, you can start decorating your helmet. Using old plastic lids, yoghurt pots, or anything that you can find in the recycling, glue, or tape your parts onto the base for buttons, switches and panels.

Cover the plastic parts in masking tape or more strips of scrap paper and glue so that you can paint or draw on the finished part. Plastic is difficult to paint on because the paint "sits" on top of the plastic and can flake off very easily, so covering those parts in paper help you to decorate them during the next stage.

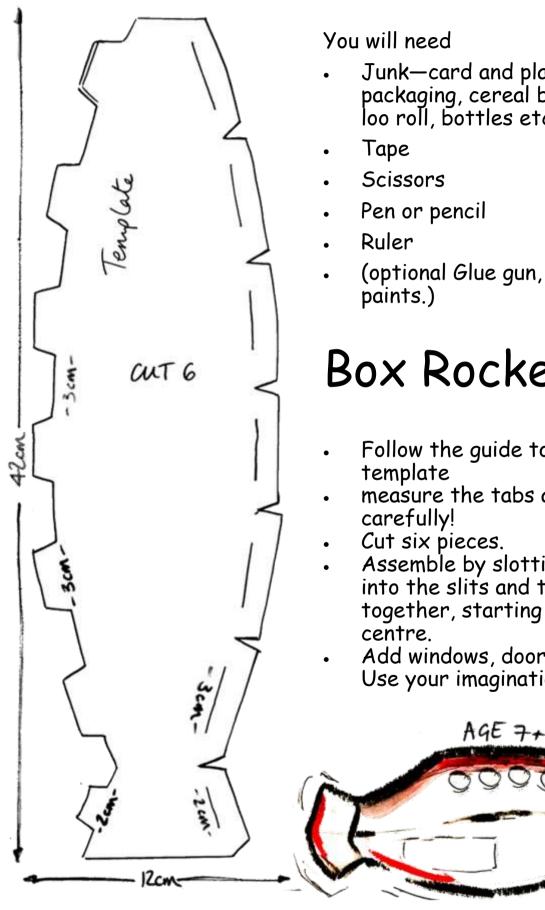




Now, pop it on your head and pretend you're a space person floating in space—what adventures can you have? Where might you go and who might you visit?



Junk-Modelling Rocket



Junk—card and plastic packaging, cereal boxes, loo roll, bottles etc.

(optional Glue gun, tin foil,

Box Rocket

- Follow the guide to make a
- measure the tabs and slits
- Assemble by slotting the tabs into the slits and tape together, starting in the
- Add windows, doors controls. Use your imagination!!

Bottle Rocket

Step 1. Cut the base off a large plastic bottle

Step 2. Tape together four loo rolls or rolled up card.

Step 3. Push rolls into bottle and tape down.

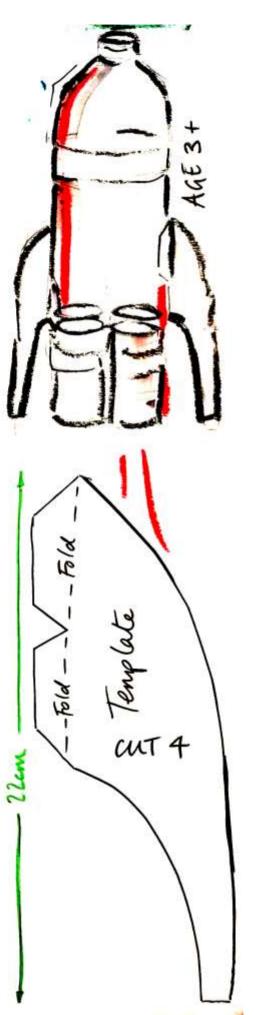
Step 4. Make a template, and cut four card stands.

Step 5. Fold tabs in opposite directions

Step 6. Tape to bottle sides

Add your own features

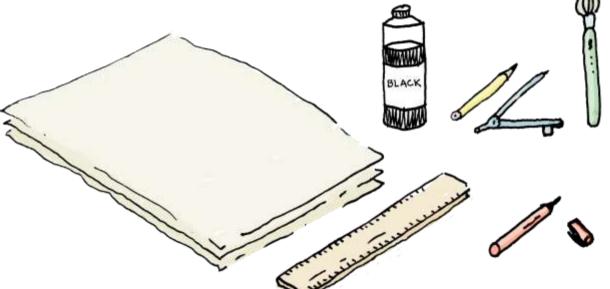
...Lift off!





Mandala Workshop

The word mandala is Sanskrit for circle. A mandala is a pattern of symbols arranged in concentric circles. Historically they have been used as spiritual guides, mind maps, as representations of the cosmos or heaven or God and as a form of meditation. Each one is unique and there is no such thing as a mistake. In this workshop we will be using automatic drawing techniques to use as a starting point to create our own mandalas.



What you will need?

- Paper
- Black ink/paint
- Brush or pen or stick!
- Pencil
- Compass (optional)
- Ruler
- Black fine-line pen



Step 1

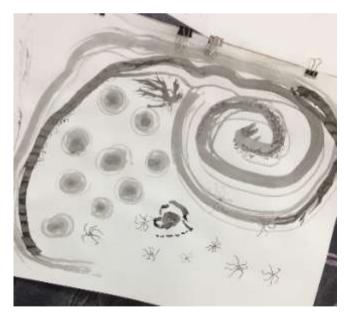
First we are going to make some marks. You can use a brush and ink, or paint, or even make your own tool to work with out of a sharpened stick and tying different materials to make your marks.



Make a series of marks on paper whilst allowing your thoughts to wander. The marks can be anything but try and experiment with different types of mark and whilst thinking of different things.

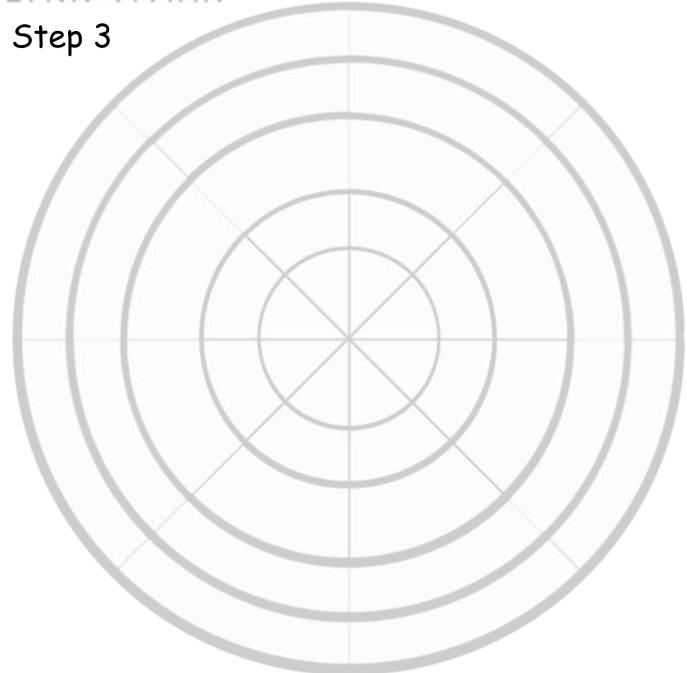
You can create as many of these abstract paintings as you like.





Step 2 Have a look at your paintings and identify some symbols in them you would like to use in your mandala.





Now let's create the structure of your mandala. Draw out concentric rings onto a square piece of paper. You can have as many or as few rings as you like and they can be all different sizes. Now divide your rings into equal sections. This will help keep your patterns uniform.

Step 4

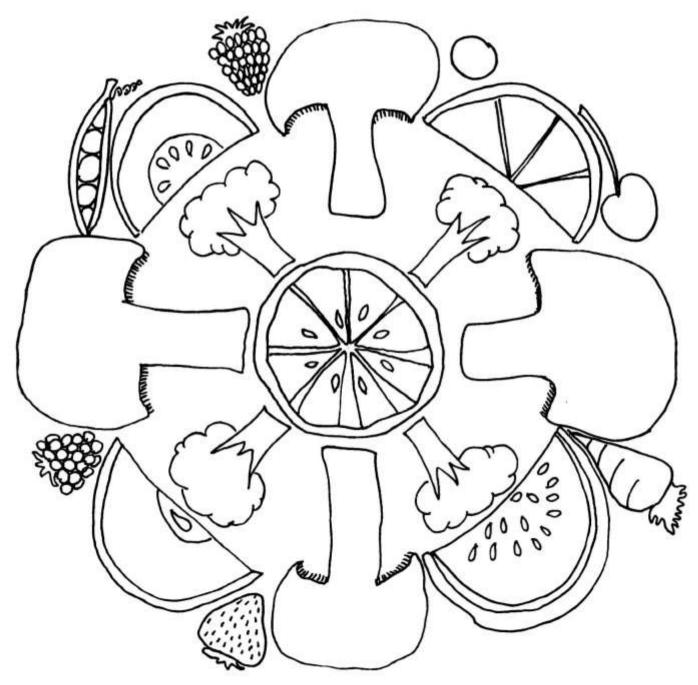
Starting in the middle fill each circle with a pattern of your choice. You can use some of the symbols you created earlier, add more as you go and even add figurative designs. Anything is ok as long as you fill the circle with the pattern and your mandala can go on as long as you have paper left!



Mandala shapes

Colour in the mandala shape below.

You can make it look realistic by using the colours you would find in nature, or make it fantastic and wild by using bright colours and patterns from your imagination! Now have a go at making your own by arranging slices of fruit and vegetables, or flowers and leaves to make a circle of repeated patterns. Try completing half a circle and hold up a mirror to see the other half!



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