

I Can Create...A Theatre

A workshop inspired by the art of Kathryn Ashill



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What's the idea?

In this workshop we will learn how to turn recycled materials into a miniature theatre set inspired by the dramatic video installations of artist Kathryn Ashill.

What will I need?



- Used cereal coxes
- Scrap paper - patterns, textures, colours
- Scissors
- Brush
- Colouring pencils
- PVA glue
- Paint brush

Here at Glynn Vivian Art Gallery we are trying to reduce our impact on the planet by minimising single use plastics and using recycled materials in our workshops. If you have any suggestions please feel free to contact us.

Inspiration

Kathryn Ashill is a local artist who uses video and theatre sets to create her art. In her latest work, *Fool's Gold*, you will find Kathryn dressing up as herself and her father, singing, crawling and mining in a theatrical cave-like setting.

Kathryn bases her cave design on the mine she imagined her father working in when she was young. We are going to use our imaginations to create our own caves.



Kathryn Ashill: *Fool's Gold*. 2019.



Interesting Fact

Iron Pyrite (Fe S_2)

Kathryn's father worked in an open pit mine in Tawe Valley, South Wales. When he came home from work he used to bring Kathryn lumps of Iron Pyrite, otherwise known as Fool's Gold.

It is called 'Fool's Gold' because it sparkles and looks like a precious stone. People would collect it thinking they had struck gold, only to find out it was Iron Pyrite. Fools!

But I don't think I would know the difference, would you?

Let's get making!

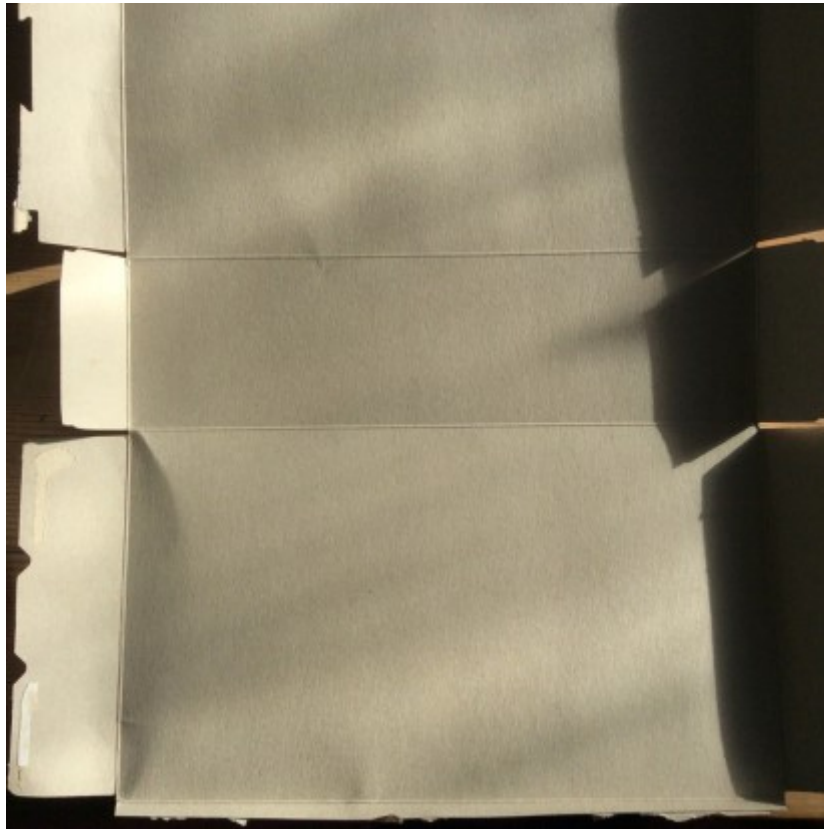
Step 1: Carefully pull apart your cereal box



Step 2: Make a collage on the front with your scrap paper



Step 3: Make another collage on the inside back wall of the box



Step 4: Draw out a jagged hole on the front collage



Step 5: Cut out your cave shape



Step 6: Do the same to the back making the hole slightly smaller



Step 7: Paint a backing sheet black



Step 8: Re-assemble the box and add black paper to the back



Step 9: What are you going to put inside your cave? We have created some simple creatures but you could make anything.



Step 10: Cut a hole in the ceiling and sides of your box. Use a table lamp to spotlight your theatre. Add sticks to your creatures to turn them into puppets.



What Can I do Now?

- Why not write a play for your characters?
- You could add different creatures into your story
- Could you create other scenes for your characters?
- Take the back away and photograph yourself looking through your cave
- Add a mirror to the back of your cave so that you can see yourself in it
- Can you think of other ways you can transform recycled materials into art?

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