

# AccessArt Olympics: Making Medals

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Explore the project below to help pupils consider how they might design an Olympic and Paralympic Medal based on either [Athletics](#), [History](#) or [Olympic Values](#).

## Medal Design

**Aim:** To introduce pupils to the Olympic and Paralympic Medals. Pupils will get the opportunity to design and make their own medals through drawing and sculpture.

### Step 1: Introduce in Sketchbooks

Consider asking pupils to make an Olympic project sketchbook using one of the "[Making Sketchbooks](#)" resources.

Begin by introducing pupils to medals designed for the Olympics and Paralympics with "[Talking Points: Olympic and Paralympic Medals](#)". Invite pupils to create "[Visual Notes](#)" in their sketchbooks inspired by the information they see.

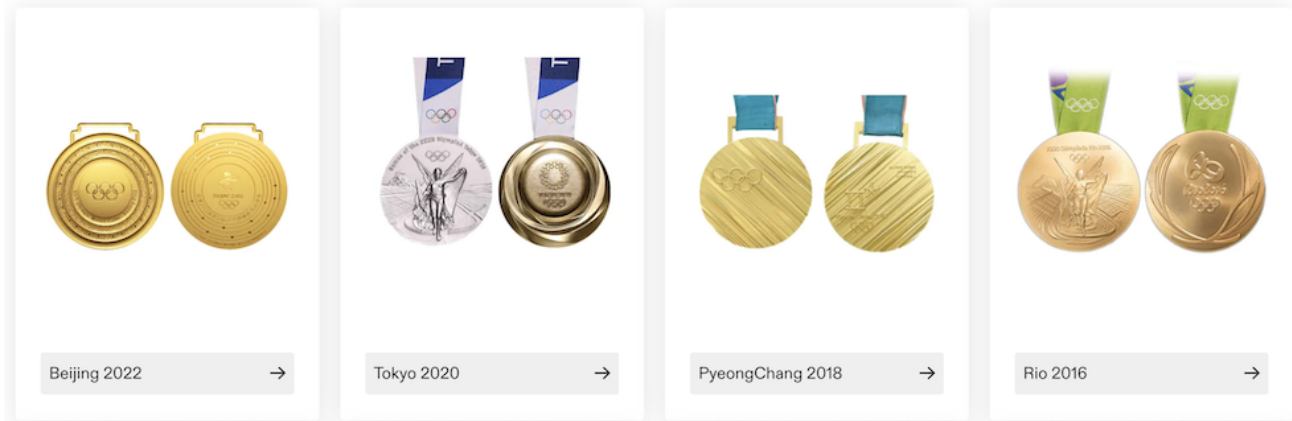
# ALL MEDALS

[All Past Games](#)

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## Step 2: Drawing and Sketchbooks

Use the medals from the previous session as inspiration for “[Making Money! Drawing and Making](#)”. Adapt the resource slightly, inviting pupils to design a medal for their own Olympics/Paralympics. You may like to focus the design process by making links to your local area or individual values/personalities.



### Step 3: Making

Make connections between 2D and 3D by transforming the drawn medal designs in clay.

Adapt the "[Clay Portrait Miniatures](#)" resource to accommodate the focus of the project. Pupils might like to create medals to celebrate their favourite sport or hobby.



## Step 4: Reflect

[Use the resource here to help you run a class "crit" to finish the project.](#)

Invite children to display the work in a clear space on tables or on the wall. Recap with them about the exploration – where they started, what they discovered and what they enjoyed.

If you have class cameras or tablets, invite the children to document their work, working in pairs or teams.



## ACCESSART OLYMPIC RESOURCES

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**Materials:**

**Sketchbooks**

**A3/A2 Paper**

## Drawing materials

Foam board

Card template

Air-drying clay

Rolling pins

Burlap/hessian mat

Wooden battens

Tools for clay

Clay Slip ([see preparation in advance](#))

Soft wire to make a hanging loop

Wire cutters

Small pliers

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## Adaptations:

You may like to include a historical context, for example Ancient Greece. Use the "[Clay Art Medals](#)" resource and create profiles on the medals inspired by [Ancient Greek coins](#).

If you would like to explore [the Values](#) of the Olympics you might like to look at War Medals to see how medals can be designed to represent a specific Value.

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**Explore Other Resources in Values:**



## Mascot Design



## Friendship Towers



## [An Olympic Poster](#)

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history



**Athletics**





**ceremony**

