

# Brushes, Rollers and Dabbers – Year 4 Pupils Use Mixed Media to Make Mark Making Tools

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Following on from an **InSET session** that I ran for teachers at **Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge**, I was invited by the lovely class teacher Mrs. Hamilton to run a making session for her year four class.



We had an hour and a half to explore constructing in mixed media and using inventiveness and innovation to create painting tools, which would later be used to paint a **Communal Drawing of the River**.

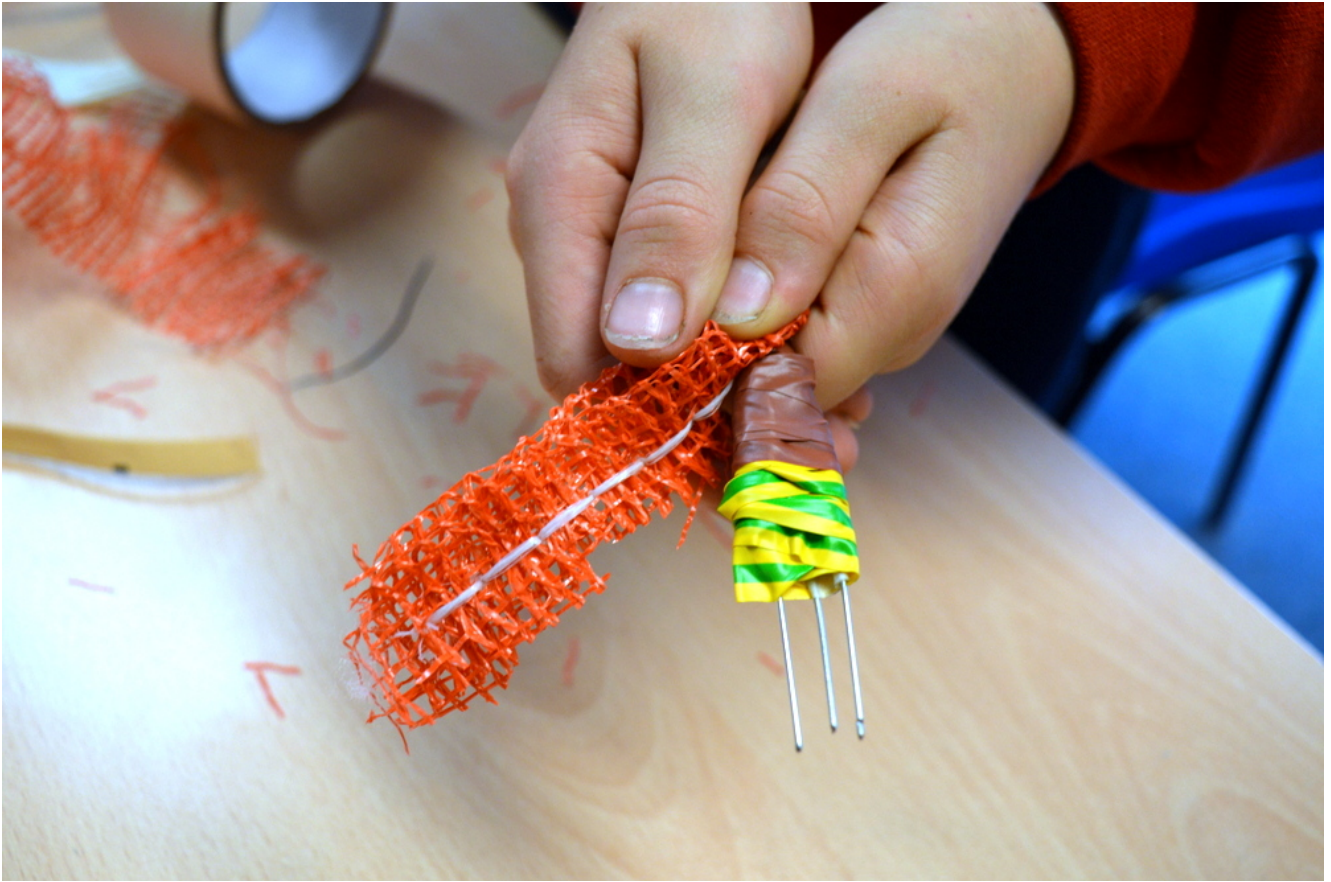
Pupils chose from an assortment of materials from feathers, old cables, lace, foam, sticks, fruit sack, packaging, bubble-warp, and more. Children were briefly shown how to combine materials twisting wire or binding with coloured and electrical tape.

This was a manic but exciting session - pupils were totally engaged, completely inventive and initiated their own creative approaches.

Well done Year Four Ridgefield!



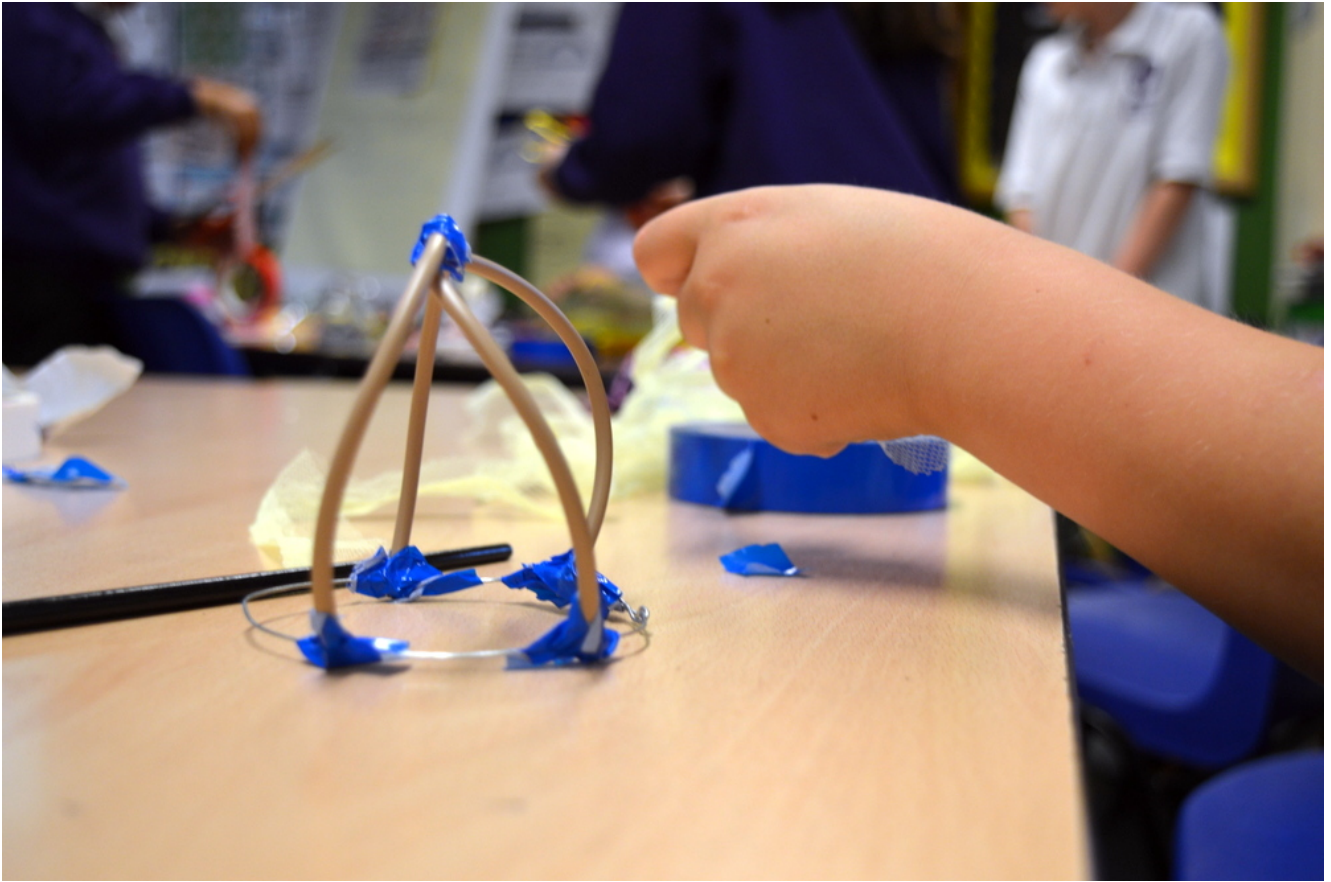
Binding with coloured tape



Combining materials



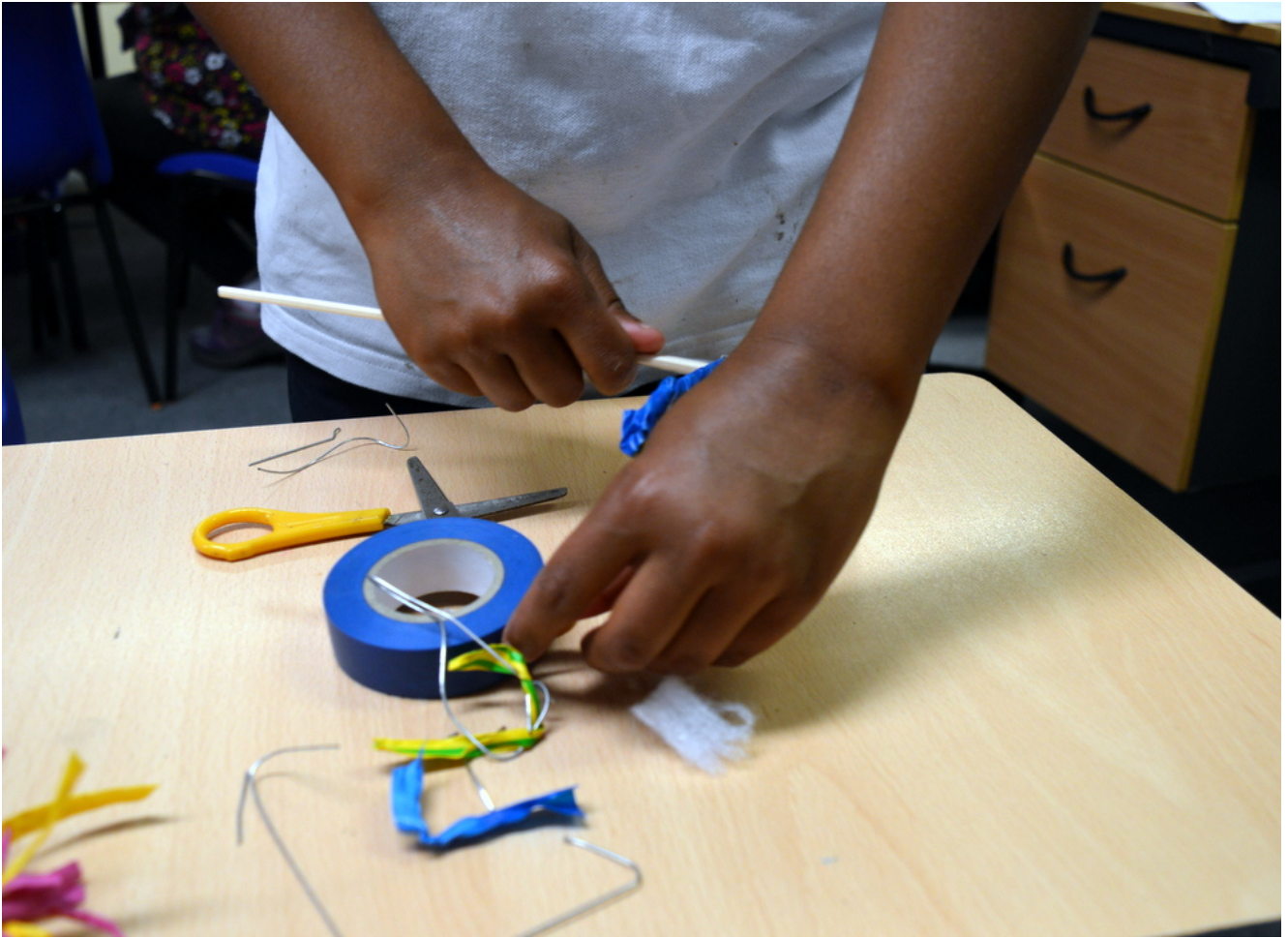
And experimenting with contrasting function

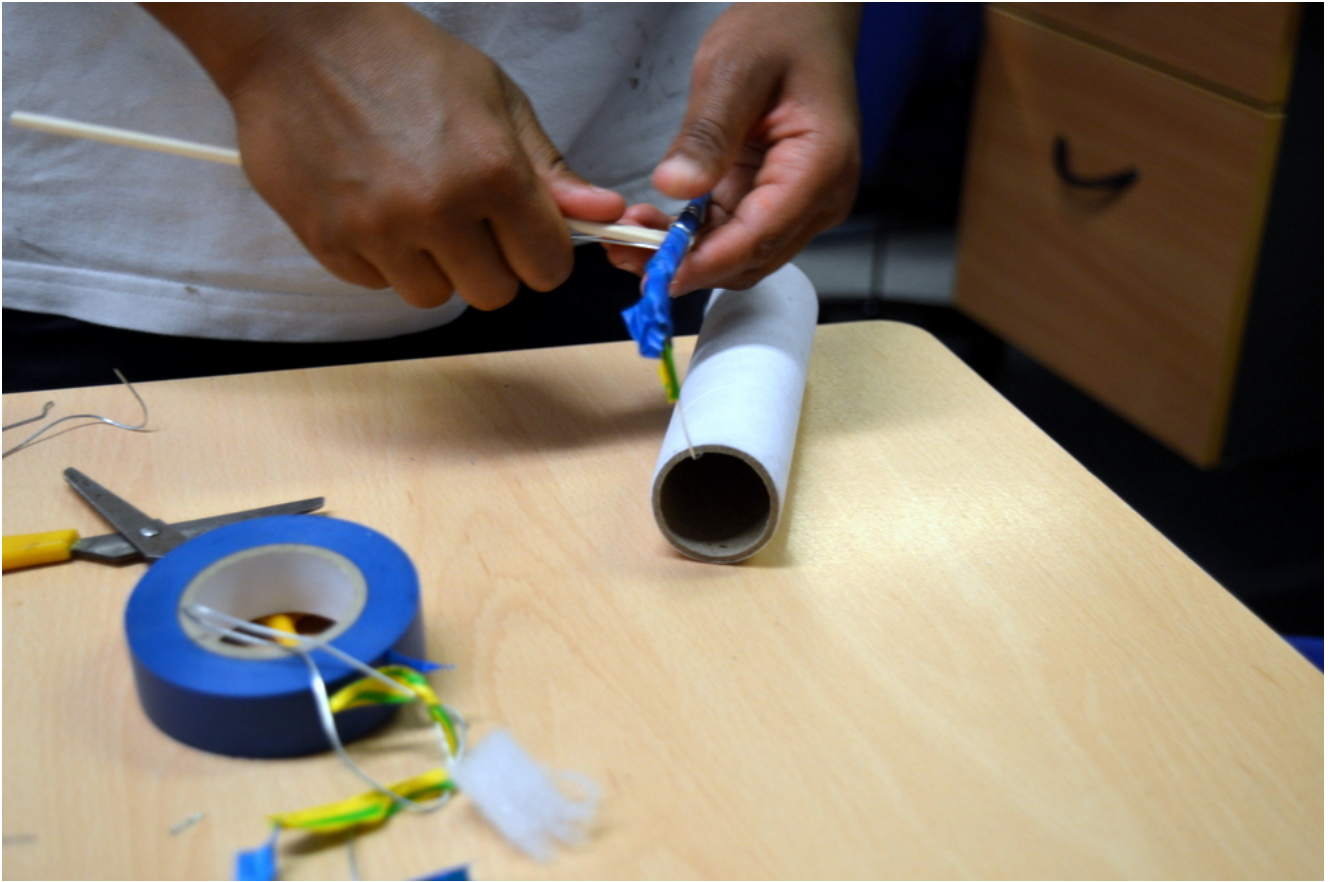


And allowing for real invention



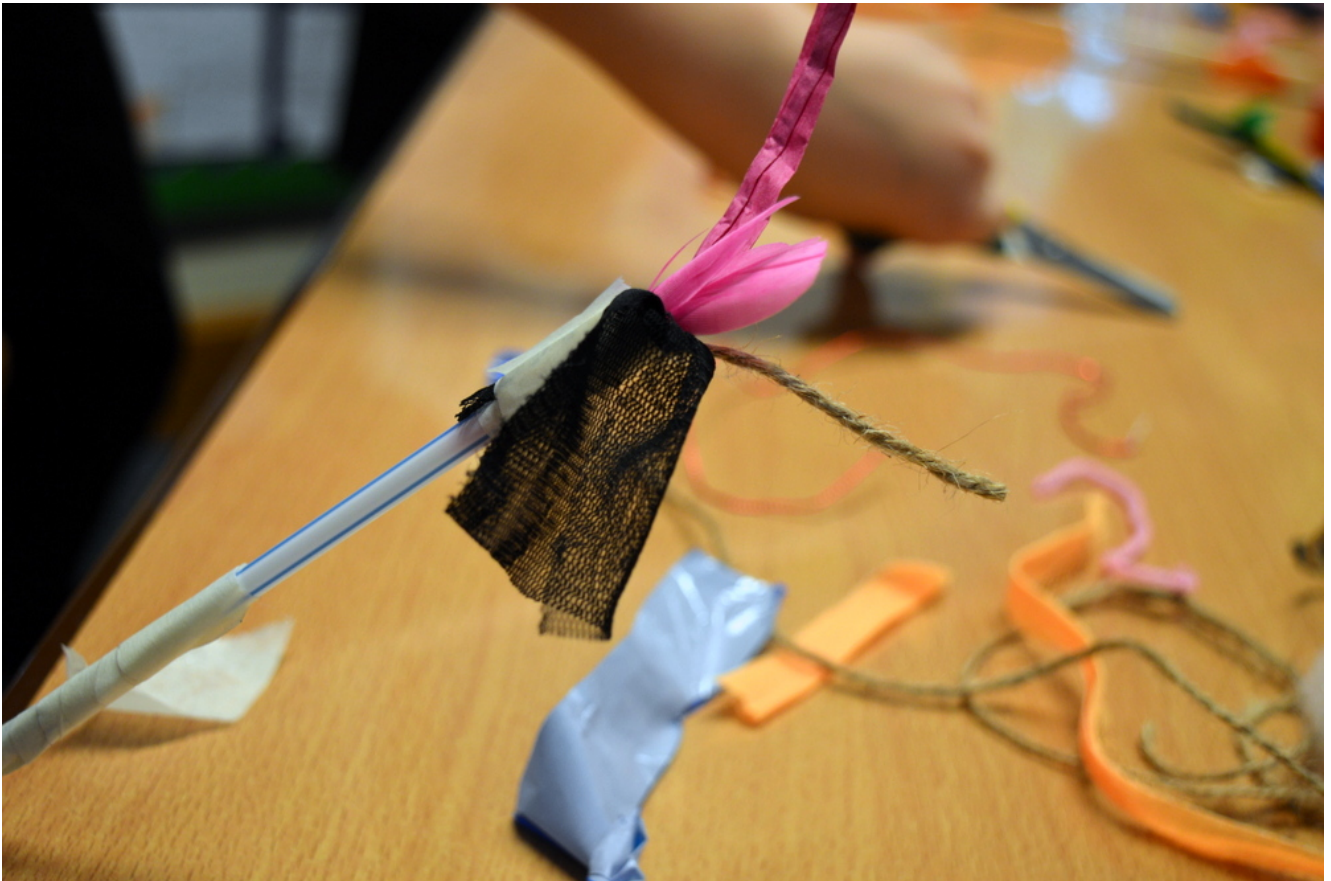




















Many thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for inviting me into her classroom and a huge thank you to year four pupils for allowing to take photos of your marvelous work! I eagerly

await photos from your painting session!

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