Which Artists: Su Blackwell

By Su Blackwell

Su Blackwell is an artist who creates beautiful cut out paper illustrations. As well as exhibiting her sculptures worldwide, she has also designed sets for theatre and been involved in many high profile campaigns. In this resource Su shares her journey working within the realm of paper, from her own experiments with books forests to being the set designer working on the set for Hans Christian Anderson's <u>'The Snow</u> Queen'.



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"It's really interesting to hear how Su's career path evolved organically, and how experimenting with different disciplines such as ceramics and sculpture whilst studying Textiles at the RCA began her journey towards paper craft and books. We really like how the small book sculptures inspired the larger scale set designs for The Snow Queen. They transfer so effectively to the stage and you can imagine how engaging it would be for a young audience to recognise letters and words on lampposts and other scenic elements". - Rachel, AccessArt

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"It's really interesting to see the combination of hand and digital work in Rachel's work, and particularly how her hand stitched embroidery is scanned before being used to create patterned products. We love that lots of Rachel's work begins in sketchbooks and how this really underpins her creative process. For children in school, learning to utilise a sketchbook and discover their potential though drawing and mapping ideas is invaluable. We have a whole Sketchbook Journey section on the AccessArt website (linked below) which explores this in more detail". – *Rachel, AccessArt.*

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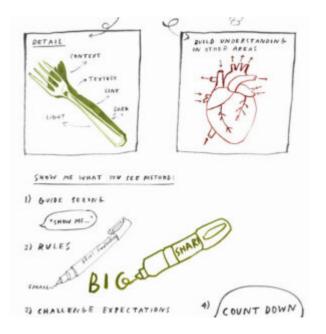


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Which Artists: Cas Holmes

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"The sense of journey and feeling of movement is such an interesting part of Cas' textile work here. We love how location and place is communicated through the variety of fluid and meandering textile marks used. Cas' Romani background as well as early experience living in Japan make for a rich cultural backdrop to her work. The themes here could be explored in the classroom by asking children to use memories of places they've visited to produce a creative response using fabrics and mixed media" - Rachel, AccessArt

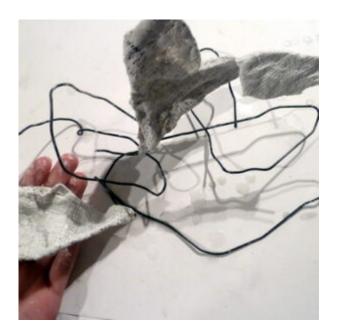
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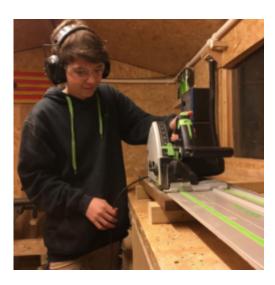
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"It's lovely to see a resource that centres on a particular material and the scope it offers. I particularly like how the dogwood is used here to make wooden beads. This idea could be developed further by looking at how wood has been used to make jewelry throughout history and within many different cultures." – Rachel, AccessArt.

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"It's a really positive thing for an artist to share the concept of the creative journey. At AccessArt we believe journeys are pretty important and we are pleased to show this in action through Toby Pritchard's post. We particularly like the anthropomorphic element, and how this really brings life to Toby's work." – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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"We're really grateful to Jake from Draw Brighton for sharing this activity which became so well received during lockdown 2020.

This is the perfect reminder that wherever we are in the digital or physical world, we have our eyes, hands and faces, and drawing provides a wonderful opportunity to come together in small groups to make sketches of each other. Use this activity as an ice breaker before a workshop, or as a transition activity between classes or events. Thank you Jake!" Paula, AccessArt

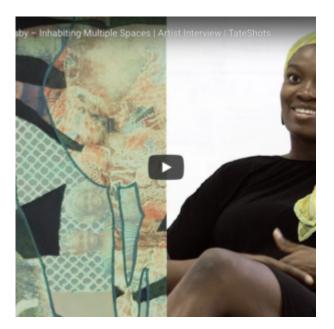
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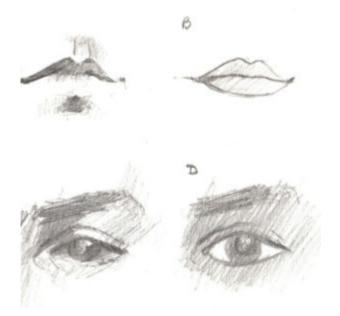
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Gabby Savage-Dickson: Etching

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"These are such beautiful and evocative images – certain to inspire. There is a lot of potential for schools to explore Gabby's work as a way to inspire pupils to create their own imagery inspired by literature, or inspired by imaginative writing by pupils.

Although etching might not be particularly accessible to many schools, there are low tech ways of approaching the process (see below) which mean pupils can explore similar ways of working in the classroom." *Paula, AccessArt*

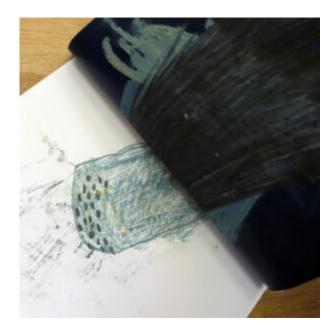
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"It's really interesting to see how Gabby works across the different disciplines of textiles and illustration in her work, and you can see how the principles of each are present in these beautifully made felt sets. We enjoyed learning how she went between planning and making – showing that the process of creating isn't completely linear, and that the journey of idea creation can happen through sketching ideas, but also through making itself" – Andrea, AccessArt

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There are so many clues in this resource for teachers. Look out for how Rosie slows down her whole process into a series of interconnected stages, which weave in and out of each other. These include time for research (collecting and observing), analysing and revisiting, drawing, making and finally documenting." *Paula, AccessArt*

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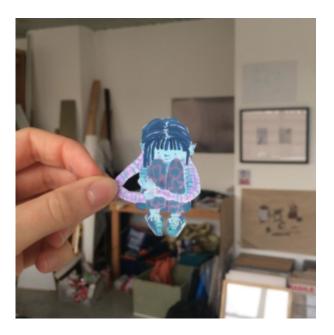
Natsko Seki: Making Broadway Market

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"This resource shows pupils how the experience, background and passions of an illustrator all feed into his or her work.

We like the way Natsko shares how her experience over time informs her work. For example, her background as a "visitor" or person living in cultures which she isn't initially familiar with, enable her to see that culture through fresh eyes. She takes these observations in through her sketchbooks, and then these inform her work at various points going forward. This is an important concept when facilitating art and developing pupils' own creativity – and <u>sketchbooks</u> provide the perfect tool for building this experience." *Paula, AccessArt*

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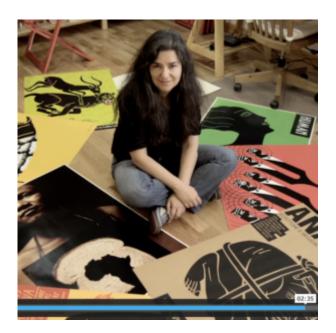
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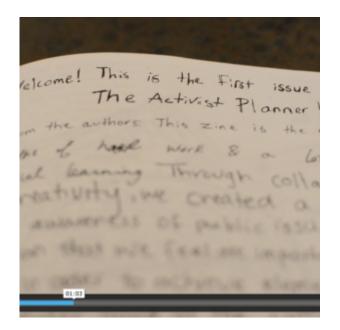


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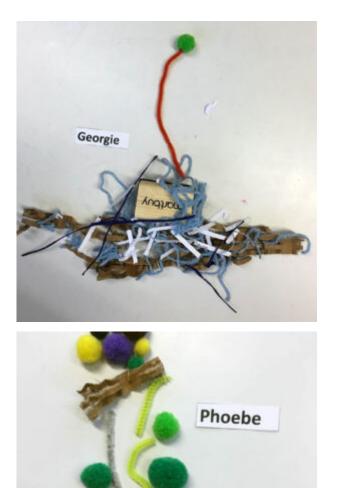
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