

Drawing Source Material: Shells & Spirals

A collection of imagery and sources which you can use to prompt drawing in schools and community groups.

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Shells

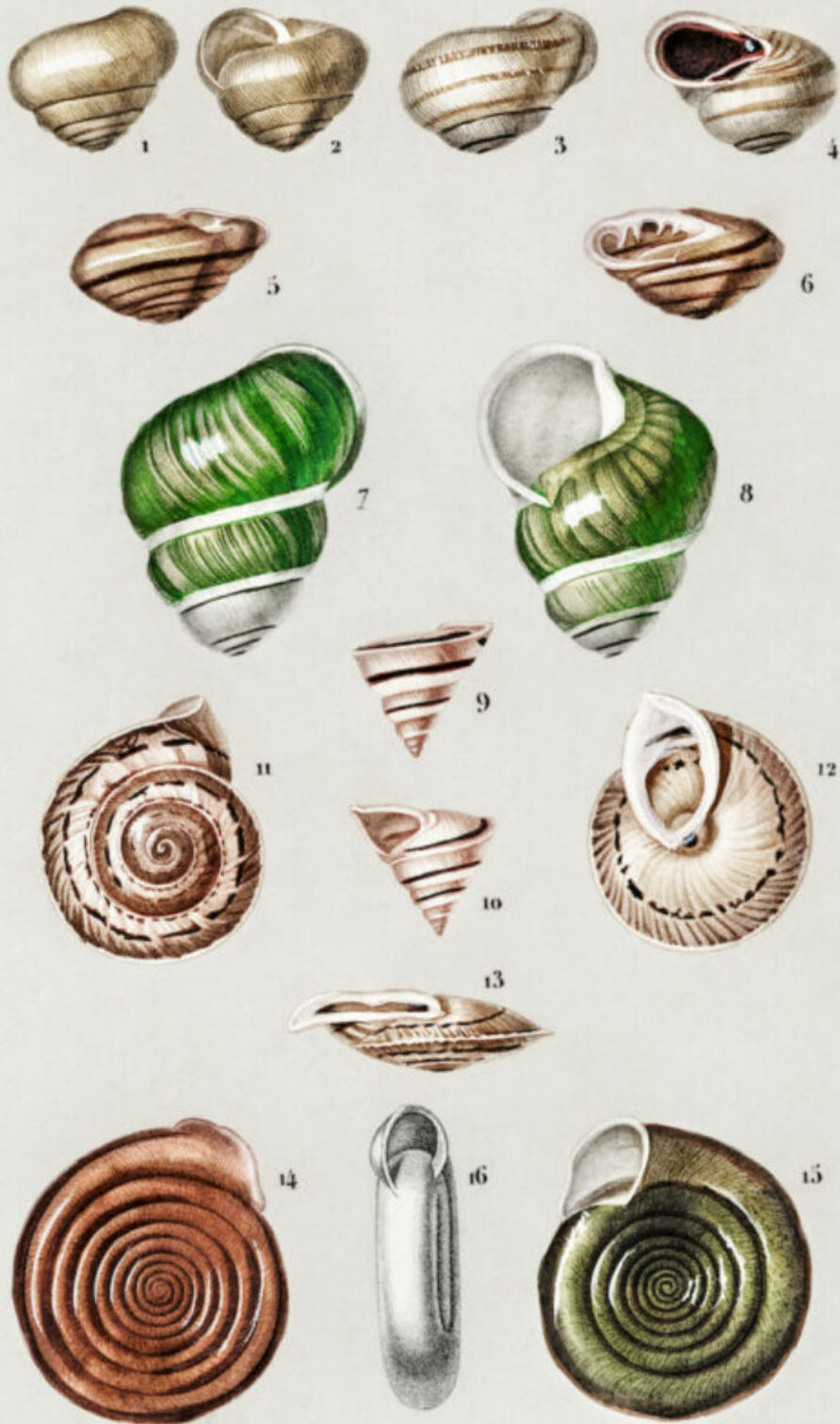
Use the films below to enable children to explore drawing shells. Try to create a sense of momentum – for example you might pause the video 4 times

and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the shells.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...

Charles Dessalines



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1, 2. *Helix trochiformis* (Helix epistylum, Mull.)—3, 4. *Helix macrostoma* (Helix citata, Mull.)
 5, 6. *Helix sinuata* (Helix sinuata, Mull.)—7, 8. *Helix multicolor* (Helix polytrua, Sussur.)
 9, 10. *Helix pyramidella* (Helix Pyramidella, Bign.)—11, 12, 13. *Helix de Lister* (Helix Listeriana, Gray.)
 14, 15, 16. *Helix polygona* (Helix polygona, Bern.)

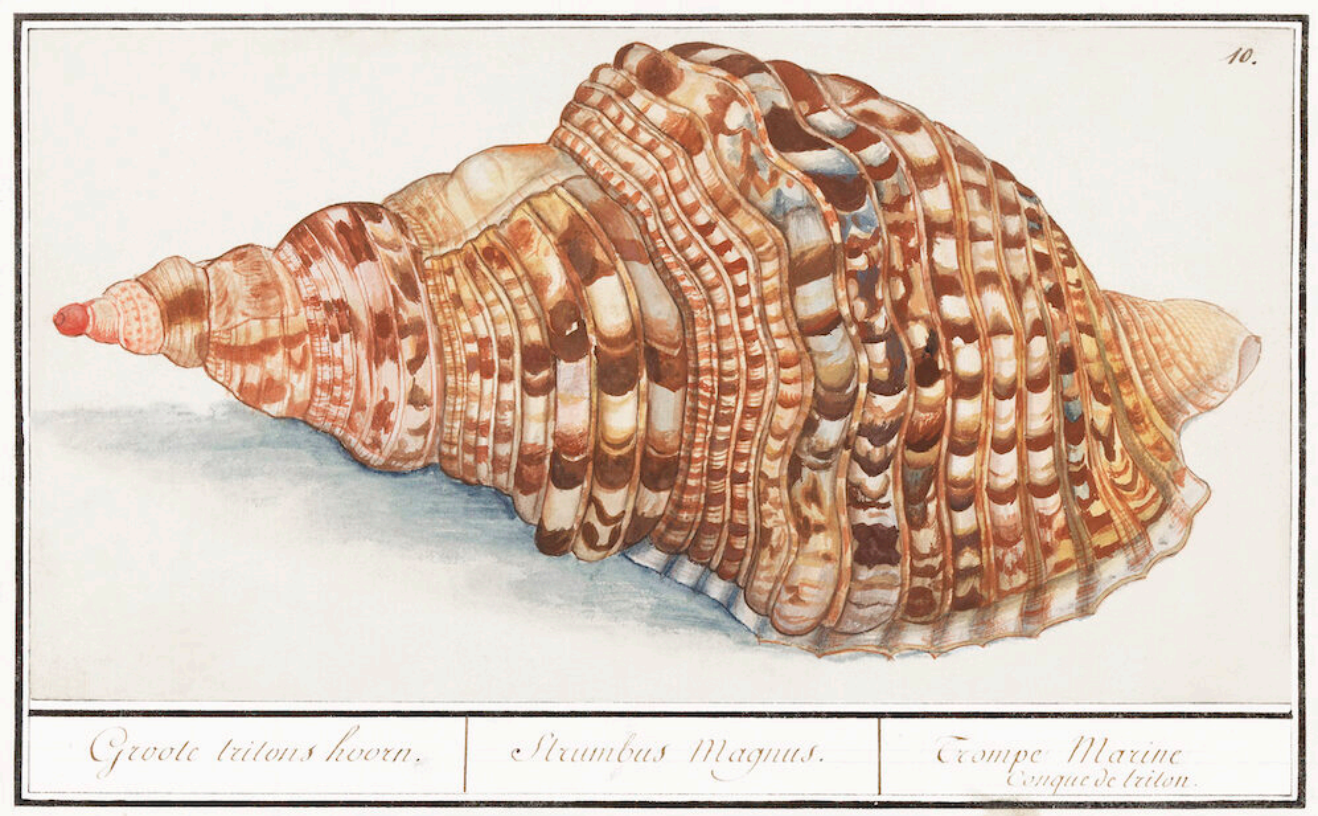


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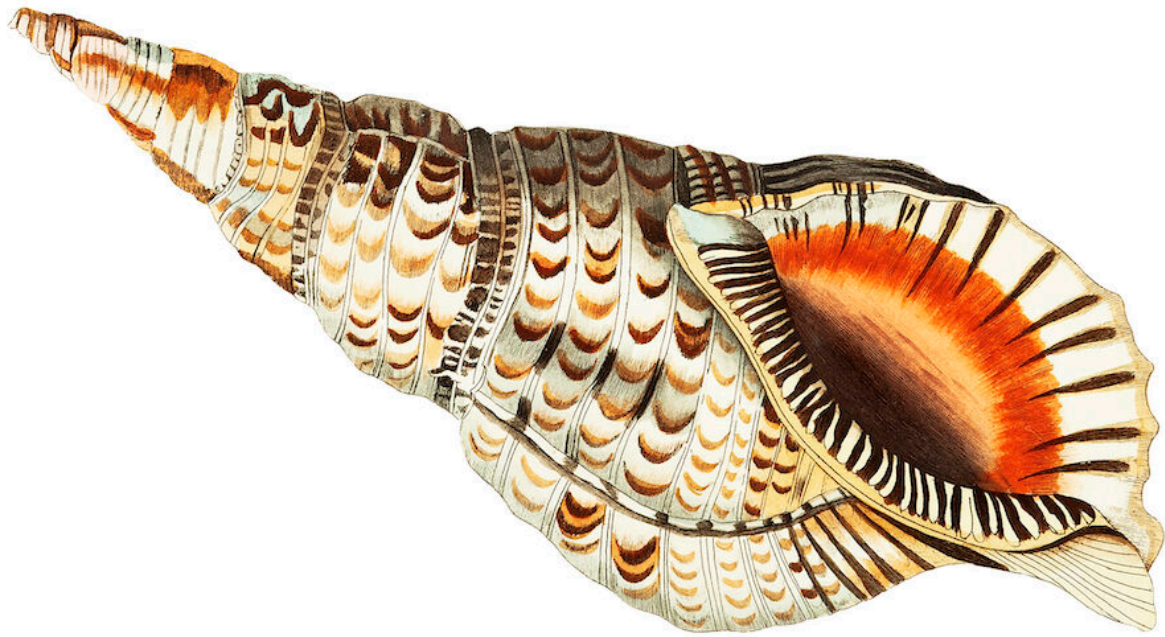
1. *Scrinia tuberculosa*. (*Scrinia nodosa* Def.) — 2. *Cerithium chenille*. (*Cerithium aluco* Desp.)
 3. *Turbinella peire*. (*Turbinella pyrum*, Lamk.) — 4. *Cancellaria obtusa* Desf.
 5. *Fusus longirostris*. (*Fusus longirostris*, Desf.) — 6. *Becher-palme de Rosier*. (*Murex palma rosea*, Lamk.)

Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt



Common Triton Horns, *Charonia tritonis* (1596-1610)
by Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt. Original from the
Rijksmuseum.

George Shaw



**Tritonian murex or Sea trumpet illustration from
The Naturalist's Miscellany (1789-1813) by
George Shaw (1751-1813)**

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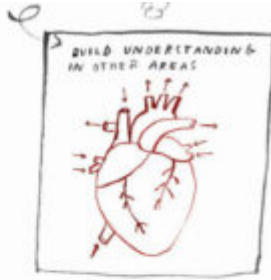
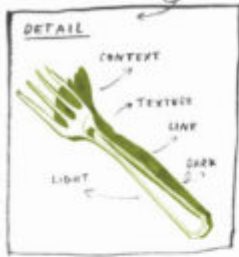
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