

# Exploring A Midsummer Night's Dream Through Art



AGES 4 TO 11

Explore A Midsummer Night's Dream through 6 enriching sessions that focus on a range of drawing and painting techniques.

Each one hour session includes a warm up, followed by a starter discussion and then a main activity.

The sessions are designed to be flexible, and you may wish to explore selected activities in greater depth, or add different plot points from the play.

## Getting Started

Setting the scene of A Midsummer Night's Dream...

## Exploring Shakespeare through art



Build your understanding of how visual art can enhance our experience of Shakespeare.

a brief outline of the play



First, familiarise yourself with the

play's plot and characters.

resources

Now try these resources in your classroom

## Session one: Athenian Portraits



Drawing fabric and creating portraits of the wealthy Athenian elite.

session two: A costume for bottom



Observing fur and creating a characterful costume design for the hapless Bottom.

**session three: forest collage part 1**



Exploring collage and creating a textured background and detail of the forest.

**Session four: forest collage part 2**



Adding moonlight and shadow to the forest collage to create mystery and intrigue.

session five: magic spells



Drawing small and creating magic spells on scrolls inspired by Oberon's words.

session six: recounting the story



Drawing scenes from the play using creative storyboarding methods.