

Boats

In this workshop we will create a variety of work incorporating different kinds of boat. We will cover drawing and painting techniques, plus some printing and collage methods.



Materials:

- Pencils,
- Rubber,
- Watercolour paint,
- Brushes,
- Watercolour paper,
- Collage items (e.g. newspaper and magazines for cutting up, scraps of material),
- PVA glue,
- Foam pieces,
- Small bits of cardboard,
- Sponges,
- Biro,
- Felt-tip pens.

Activity 1 – Drawing Challenge



I would like you to begin by drawing a few different types of boat, using just a pencil or pen.





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Once you are happy with your drawings, you can take the work further by painting your scene. Make sure that you have a reflection of your boat in the water.



Task 2 – Wet on wet paintings

Start by making several wet on wet backgrounds. Think about the colours that you see in the sky and reflected in the sea. Dampen your paper before adding a wash with watercolour paint.



When your background is dry add a boat to the landscape. I made myself a template of a sailing ship and added it to a dry background.



Task 3 – Collage

You can have great fun playing around with different materials. I have used cardboard as the backing for my collage. Then glue on top different material pieces. I used the same template for boats and used a variety of natural materials collected from walks e.g. bark, lichen, dried flowers, heather stems. I also used watercolour paint for details. It can be very effective to paint directly onto material – it adds an interesting texture.



Task 4 – Printing

Boats work well with printing methods. Start by painting a background using a sponge.

Next make a boat or boats shape on a piece of foam. You could cut out and stick these templates onto cardboard or another piece of foam. Now print your boats onto your background.

Alternatively, you could use different objects to print with e.g. a painted fruit net makes a great fishing net.

