

## ART LESSONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

To continue to practise and increase your art skills, here are some activities. You do not have to do them in the order they are listed. You SHOULD be able to do them without having to buy extra things, or have parents help you, though it might be fun to ask them to do the lessons as well, and you can teach them what you know about Art! There are blank pages in this booklet in case you can't find any paper at home. You only need to choose one activity a week.

It would be great if you could send photos of your finished work or any questions you have to me at

In the meantime, draw light till you get it right. And remember, it's not a mistake, just a design change. Have fun Arting!

### Activity 1: Loo Roll Sculptures.

You need: toilet rolls – wait until they are empty 😊  
Glue...white glue is best  
Something to put your glue onto – a plate, a meat tray etc  
Scissors  
A piece of paper to glue your design on to – the backing paper. Try newspaper, a magazine page, the box from your cereal.

1. Flatten your rolls and cut them into strips about 1 cm wide.



2. Set out your pieces and start playing with them. Arrange and re-arrange until you are happy with your sculpture. You might make something recognisable, or it might be an abstract design.



3. When you are satisfied with your design, dip your pieces in glue on one edge, and put them back in position on your backing paper.



### Loo Roll Sculpture Challenge:

Use the same supplies as for the Loo Roll Sculpture above, but make it stand up.

Example:



## Activity 2: Laundry Landscape

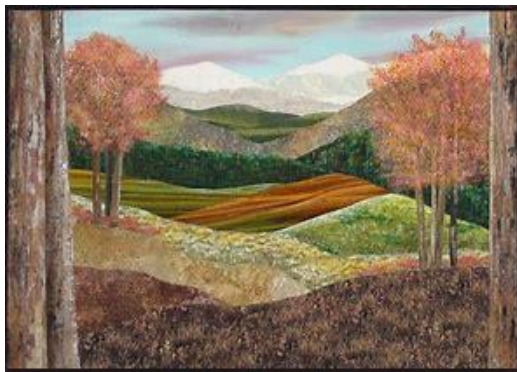
You need:                your clothes

We have already studied landscapes this year. Textile artists use fabric to create stunning landscapes.

You won't be using a sewing machine but try folding and twisting clothes to create a landscape. Do NOT cut anything without permission. Remember, the main focus is on the scenery.

Remember to put your clothes back where you found them, folded neatly.

These three examples are made by textile artists:



Your landscape might look like this:

## Activity 3: Nature Mandalas

You need:                a container

items from the garden

A flat place to make the mandala – perhaps the verandah, or footpath.

Mandala means 'circle'. Mandalas were first created by the Buddhist monks, who appeared around 560 BC. That's 2 580 years ago! Not even Shippy was alive back then...

Watch this 3-minute clip on YouTube to see how the monks create and then destroy a sand mandala:

*Sand mandala: Tibetan Buddhist ritual Wellcome Collection*

While the main idea behind mandalas is to be able to engage in a spiritual and self-discovering experience, they can also be made for complete fun and leisure.

1. Your first job is to go outside and collect things in a container to make a mandala with. The items you might collect could include flower parts, leaves, seed pods, stones, sticks, grasses, feathers – anything you can find outside. Make sure you check before pulling the garden apart though. If you can go for a walk around your block, you might be able to find flowers and leaves hanging over the fence to collect. Be respectful, and don't ever reach through someone's fence.
2. Lay all the materials out and take the time to look at each of them. Sort and collect the materials by size, shape, colour etc.
4. Find a place to create a mandala or similar composition. The idea that the nature mandala is not permanent, so there's no use of glue.
5. Start to create a simple pattern or shape by placing a larger object in the middle.
6. Keep adding until you decide that the mandala is finished. If you've made a mandala outside, observe the changes that wind, rain and sun can make to the formation over the next few days. Like the Buddhist monks, your mandala is not permanent.

Examples:





**Mandala Beach Challenge:** If you go to the beach, make a mandala using things you can collect there, or draw one on the sand with a stick. Leave your mandala for other beach visitors to enjoy.



## Draw your own mandala Challenge:

Watch this clip on YouTube to show you what to do.

*How to draw a Mandala for kids Magical Mehak Mohta*

Here are some of my painted mandalas to get you inspired:



I've been doing these for a long time, and the best advice I can give is draw light, always start with the centre and what you do to one side, you do to the other.

## Activity 4: Forge of Neon Drawings.

Ask your parents if you can download the free Forge of Neon app for your iPad. It is heaps of fun, and you can create really cool designs that move! Your designs will be symmetrical, like a mandala.



## Activity 5: Shadow Drawings

You need: Free standing objects  
Something to draw with  
The paper on the back of this page.

1. Choose some objects that can stand up by themselves. This could be toys, cups, fruit....
2. Go outside into a sunny place in the morning or afternoon. If you go around lunchtime, the sun will be high in the sky, and you won't get much of a shadow.
3. Place your object at the edge of your paper and draw carefully around it. You may be able to add more objects depending on their size.
4. Add your own details to the drawing.
5. Return everything to where it belongs.

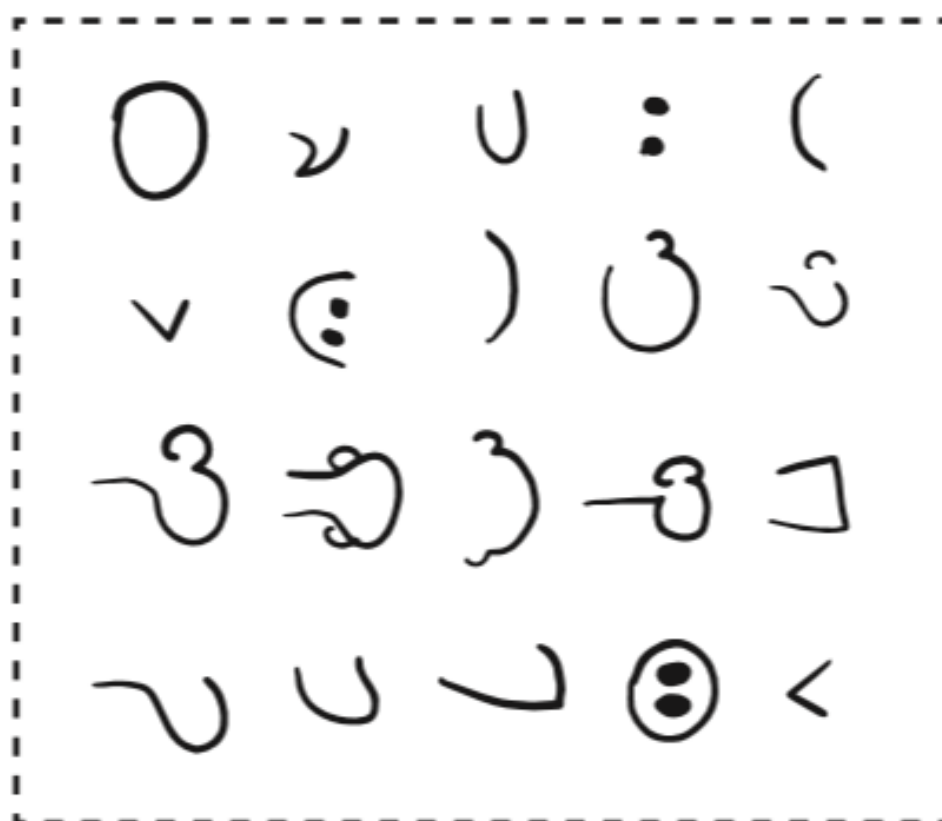
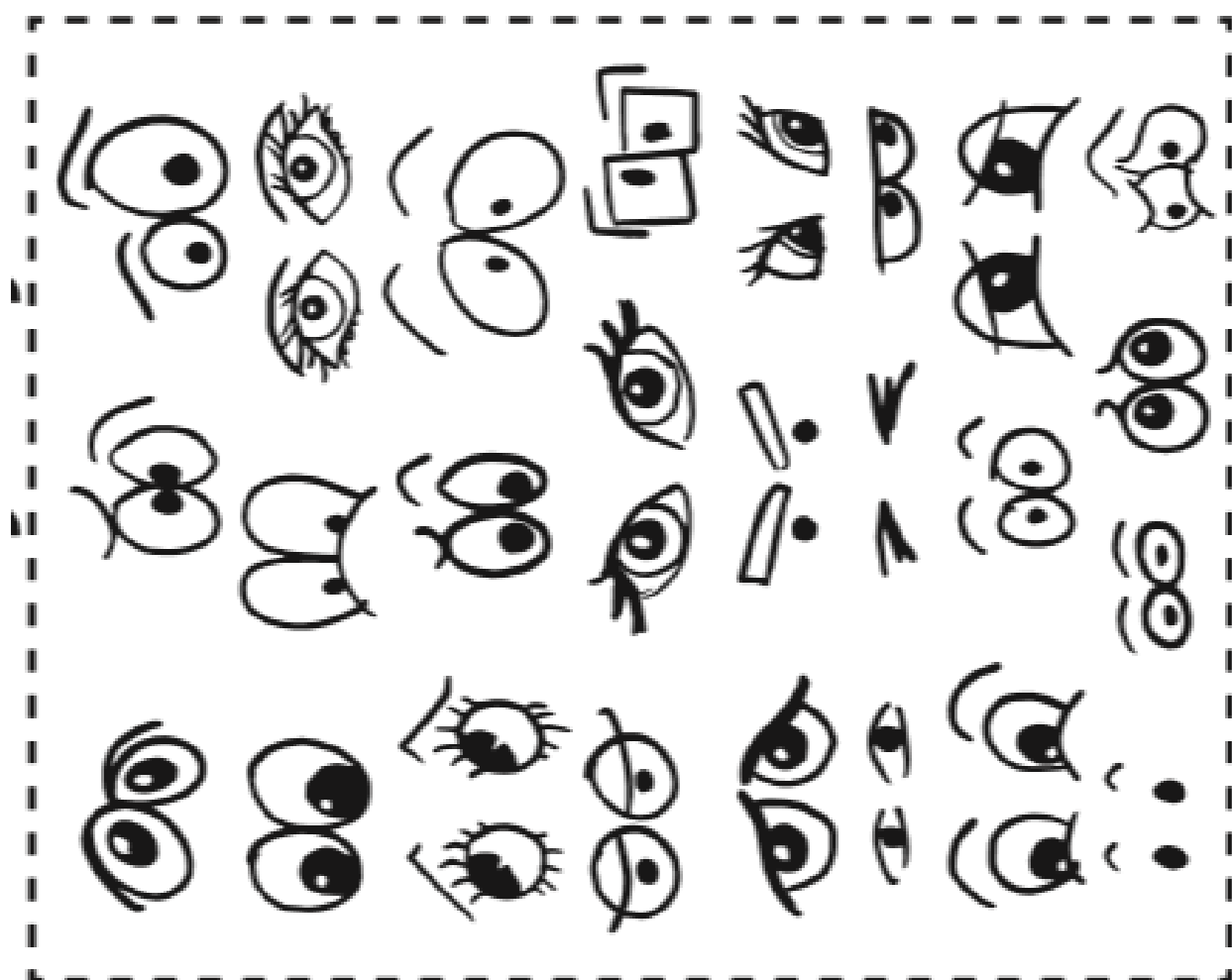


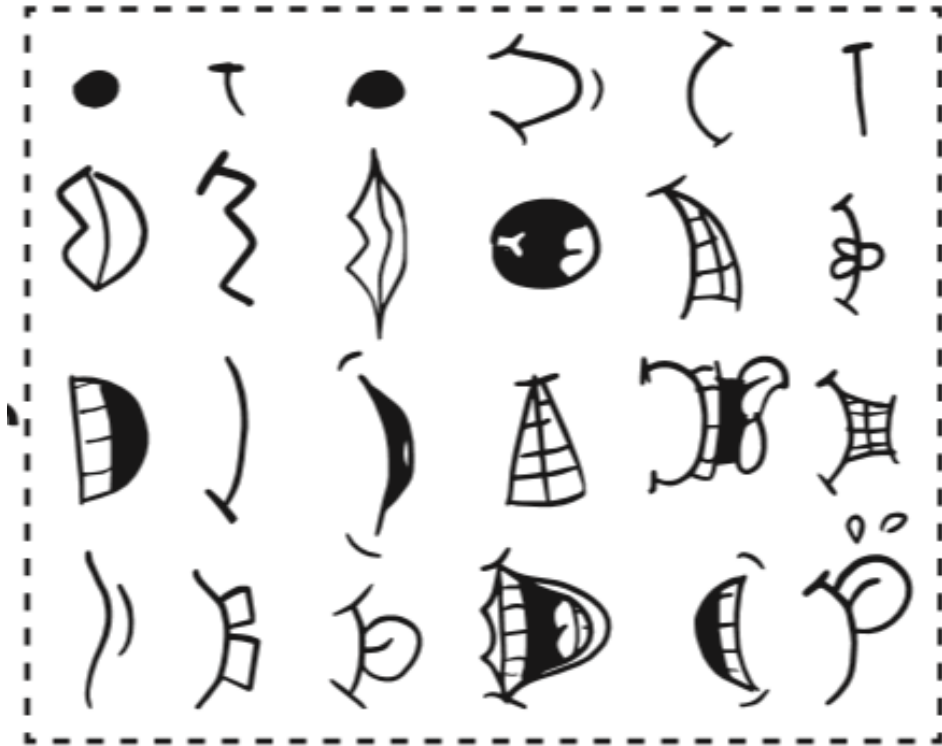
## Activity 6: Cartoon Critters

Make a cartoon drawing of a mouth and take a photo of it 'on' one of your pets or stuffed toys. The trickiest part is taking the photo.



**Cartoon Critter Challenge:** Draw other facial parts, and try photographing them on your pet. Examples of cartoon face parts are on the next page.





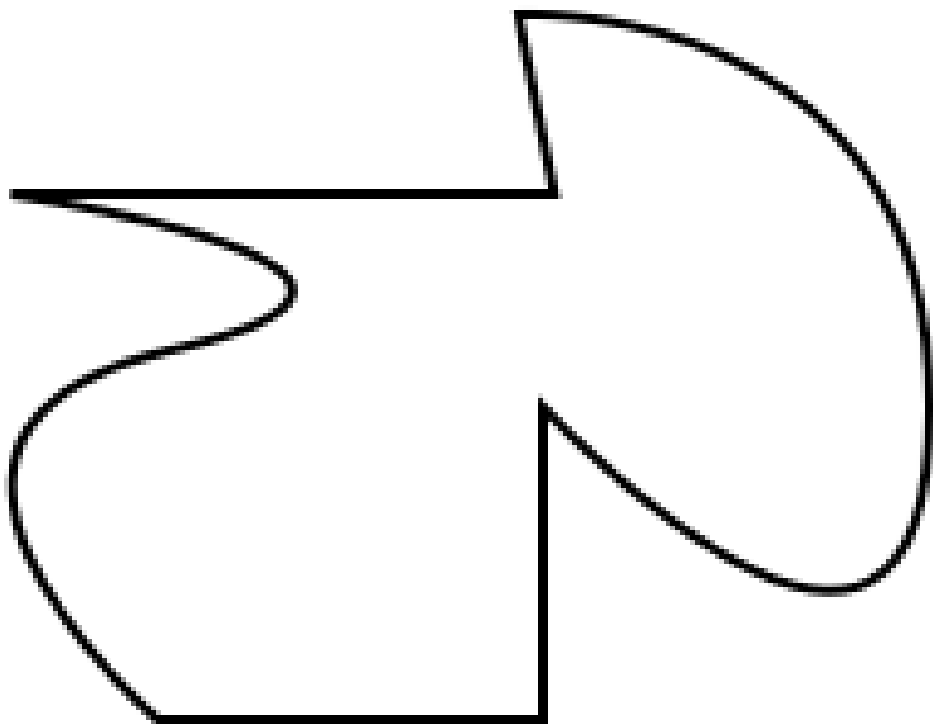
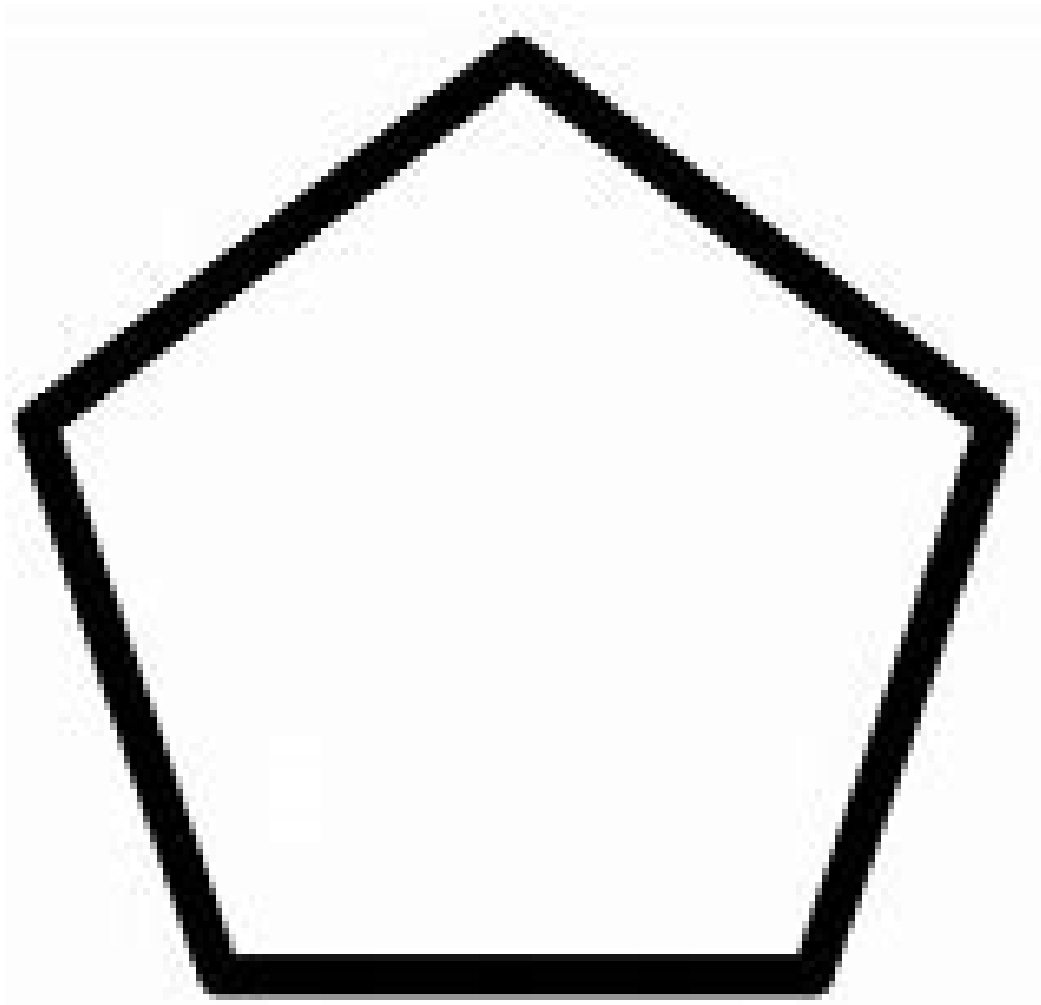
## Activity 7: Cartoon Shapeheads

You need: something to draw with

Using the cartoon face parts on the last page, turn these shapes on the next page into faces, or characters. Add details.....see the examples. Design some of your own...you CAN'T get this wrong 😊







### Activity 8: Mystery Drawing

You need: something to draw with

Using one of the blank pages, ask someone in your family to draw a loose scribble. Like abstract art, look at it for a few minutes to see what you can see in it. Turn the paper around and look from each side. Add details to create something from the scribbled line.

### Activity 9: \$3 dollar note

You need: something to draw with

Design a new \$3 note. Look at this \$50 note to get ideas.



### Activity 10: Draw your shoe

You need: a shoe

Something to draw with

Arrange one of your shoes in front of you. Try to draw the shoe by concentrating on the shoe and not looking down at your paper. Then add the details – eyelet holes, laces, design etc.

### Activity 11: Art for Kids Hub

You need: Internet

Something to draw with.

Look up 'Art Hub for Kids' on YouTube. Watch a video and draw along with them.

### Activity 13 – Starry Night by Numbers

We all love Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'. Use this image of the original to colour your own picture – this is good for when you're feeling a bit stressed out. Relax...and fall into the colours..





11. **Starry Night.** 1889. Oil on Canvas.