

Happy Circles

Today, we're going to look at the artwork of a contemporary artist, Lauren Jaben who produces beautiful abstract collage. You're going to need a magazine with some colourful pages, scissors, glue, pencil, paper and something circular to draw around.

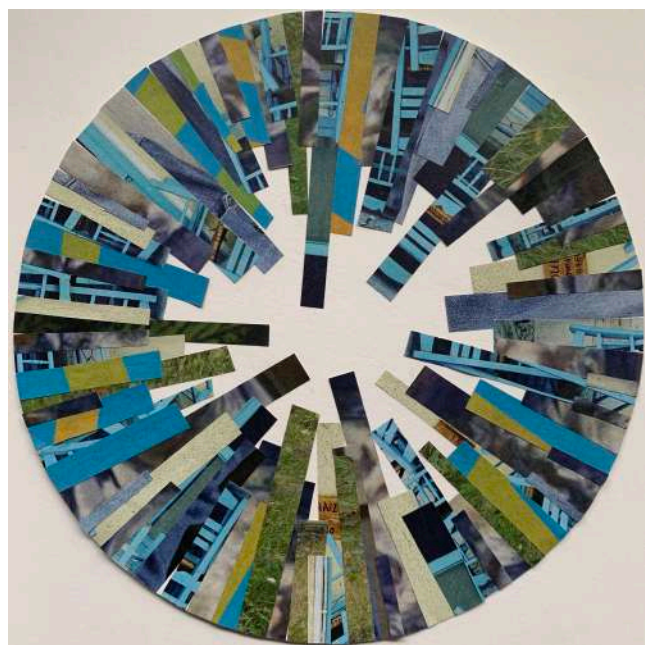
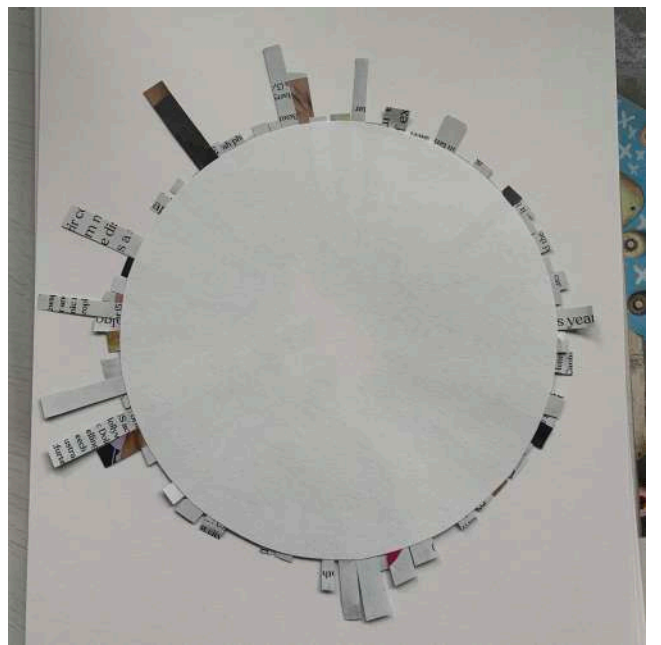
1. First you need to gather some bits of magazine with pictures and colours which make you feel HAPPY or CHEERFUL. Mine have a lot of blue in them - not normally a colour associated with happiness, but it's one of my favourite colours!
2. Cut out your bits of magazine and then draw round something circular on your paper. (I've used a paint pot because it was nice and big, but a plate will do too).
3. Now you have your circle ready, cut it out really carefully.

4. Now take your magazine pictures and cut them into thin strips. Make sure your lines are as straight as possible. Make sure you have plenty too!

5. The next job is to glue them down; stand up your glue stick and wipe a strip across the top before gluing it down. You need your strips to go towards the centre of your circle but not actually all the way there.

6. Keep going! You might need to trim some down and make thinner strips. Once you have done a fair bit, flip it over and trim off the bits from the edge - you might be able to use the other end.

7. When you have glued strips all around the edge, make sure you have filled in any gaps, trim the excess and then stick on another piece of paper. Lots of these together would look beautiful - why not make some more!?

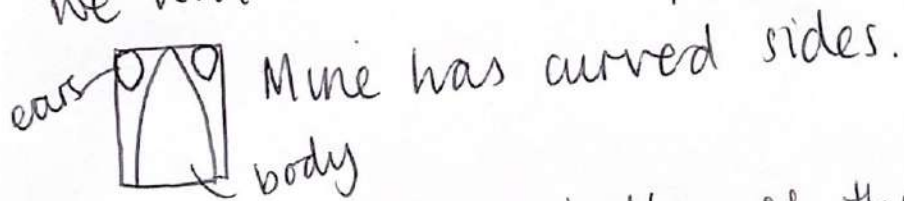




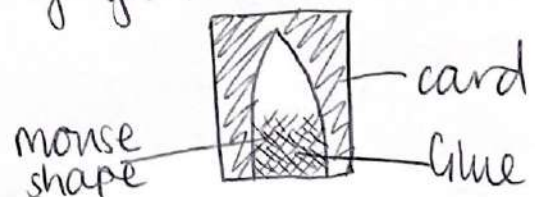
Mother's Day Mouse

There's nothing like being prepared - let's get card making - there's no time to lose!

1. Find a piece of card or stiff paper you can fold into a card shape, try to find something colourful!
2. Next, cut a tall thin triangle from some white or grey paper (I even think some text from a newspaper or magazine would look fab, too!) and two ear shapes. If you make the triangle as tall as the card shape then we will know it will fit later on!




3. Glue just the bottom of the triangle, leaving the top without any glue and stick it at the bottom of your card



4. Next, glue the tip of the triangle down making a loop at the top. Mine kept popping up, so keep your finger on it until the glue has dried! Now you can draw on a little nose and some whiskers on the very end



5. Next draw two little oval shapes for eyes and some eyebrows 

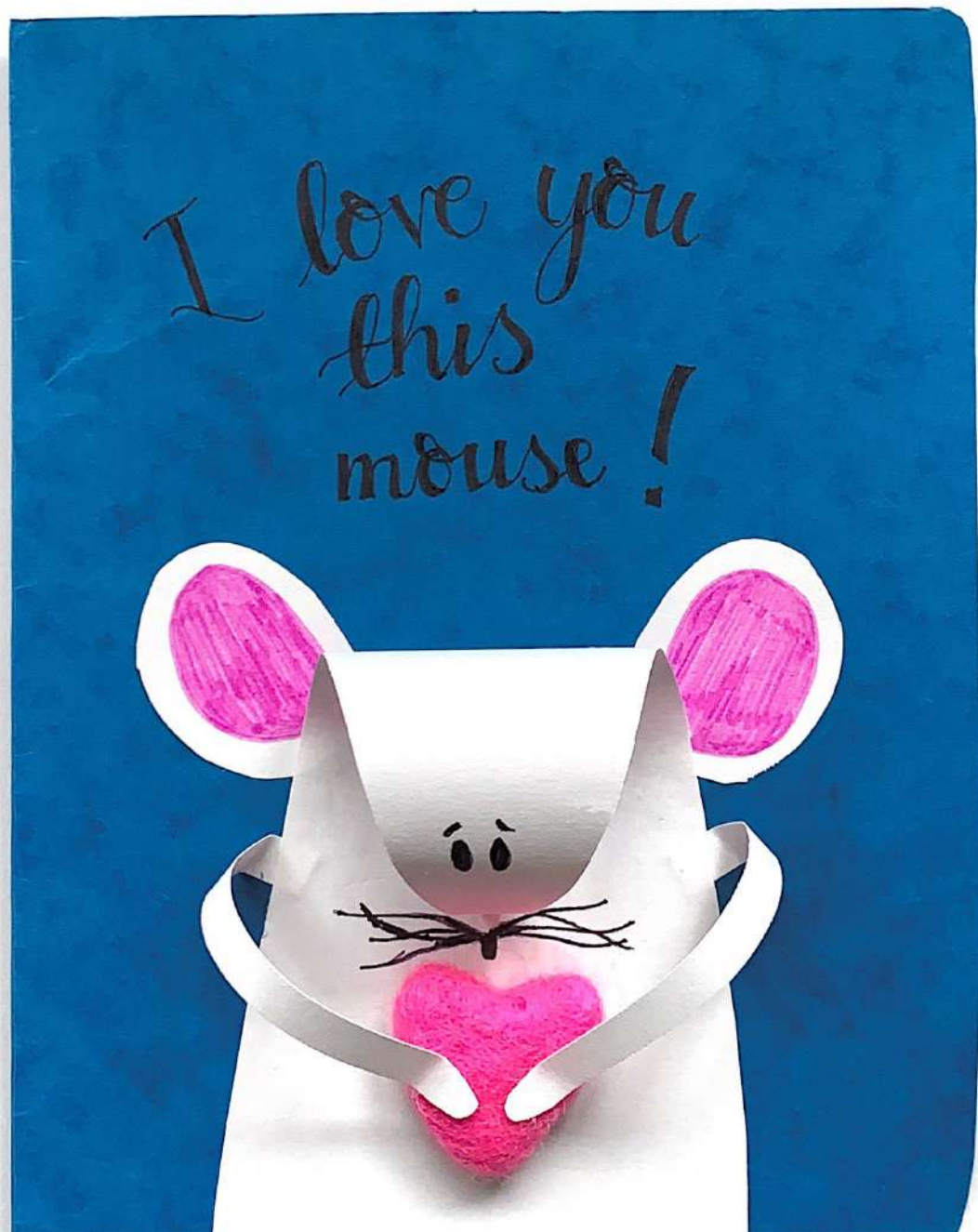
6. Colour in some pink on the ear-shapes you cut out earlier and glue them behind the mouse shape



7. Cut a long strip of paper to make the mouse arms. Tuck an end behind each shoulder.

8. Here's where you can be creative with what your mouse is holding; I found an old felt heart in my craft box, but your mouse could hold flowers you've drawn or a heart you've cut out - ANYTHING!

9. Now you can add whatever you would like your card to say; Happy Mother's Day or something else! Perhaps you're lucky enough to have someone who just feels like she's your mum, or you might have two! This is a perfect way to say 'I love you'.



Paper Snowdrops

Quite fiddly, but this is so delicate and beautiful to give to someone - plus they're the first sign of Spring! So cheerful!

1. You need the inside of an envelope which an official looking letter came in - ask first. Mine had a small grey grid pattern in it.
2. You'll also need a bit of magazine with some green in it - any shade is fine. Mine was a picture of a garden.
3. Cut a small strip of envelope paper and make 3 loops gluing each one at the top. 2 large, one small and carefully glue them together at the top without pinching the loops
4. Next cut a small rectangle of your green (about 1cm x 1.5cm) and glue one corner,

flipping it round to make a cone with pointy corners.

5. Now trim some really fine pieces of green to make the stalks and leaves, add a tiny wisp of glue at each end and stick them down. Remember that snowdrops hang their heads down!

6. A clump of snowdrops is always a cheerful sight to see. You could decorate a card to send or, you could frame your paper sculpture as a reminder of the hope of spring being just around the corner.





Grid Drawing.

This is a perfect way to copy your favourite cartoon characters and practice drawing them.

- 1.** Find a picture you'd like to copy - this needs to be one you don't mind drawing over in pencil or you could find some clear plastic and carefully draw a grid in permanent pen to lay over the top.
- 2.** Make an identical grid in pencil for you to draw onto - make sure you check with an adult if you need some help drawing the grids.
- 3.** Now you are ready to transfer the shapes in each square across to your drawing. Try to think about where each line starts and finishes in order to get the shapes right.

4. To enlarge a drawing, make a bigger grid (eg use centimetres on the first picture and inches on the next grid... or double/triple your measurements!)

5. Like this...



ooh! Maths
0.5cm grid on
the original
1cm grid on
my drawing

6. Don't forget to colour it in and show it off at #SRESatHome.



Objets Trouvées

'Objets Trouvées' is french for 'found things' so we're going off to 'find' some 'objects' for you to make a colour wheel with.

1. You need to go on a hunt around your home you'll be surprised at just how many colourful things you have!

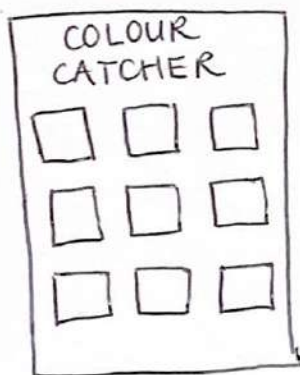
2. Find things which aren't too big and then lay them out on a flat surface where you can decide which ones you want to put where. If you borrow something make sure you ask first (especially if it is precious to that person!)

3. Look at the picture to help you, then photograph your own version! I have done it with my old childrens books - perhaps you could colour wheel your own books too?

Colour Catcher

We're going on a colour hunt - you'll need your coat and to keep your eyes open but first, let's make your "catcher card"!

1. On an old cereal packet you can chop the side off, or a piece of paper you need to draw your "catcher card" - nine colours like this;



Under each box you can add a colour name -

PINK
YELLOW
WHITE
BROWN
BLACK
GREEN
LIGHT GREEN
DARK GREEN
GREY

2. Now you can grab your coat and get catching some colours!
Think of the things in nature you can place in each box - leaves, feathers, flowers, grass, stones sticks etc and photograph it when you finish.

