

Taking a line for a walk

For this activity, you will need:

- A pencil, pen or marker
- A piece of paper
- A few colours

Exercise:

Step 1

Get something to make a mark with (a pencil, a pen, a thick marker) and a sheet of paper or card, or even cut out the side of a cardboard box.

Step 2

Look carefully at something, this could be:

- A view out of your window
- A place you went on holiday
- A park in your town or city

You could even think carefully about a journey you often take, such as a walk to school.

Step 3

Start at a corner of the paper and draw the shapes, patterns and textures that you can see or remember. You don't need to draw everything exactly as it is.

Don't take your pen off the paper (you can pause briefly while you think) and try to make your line cross over where you can.

Step 4

Fill up the whole piece of paper with your line.

Step 5

Using around five or six colours, choose some shapes to add colour to! Don't feel like you have to fill in every shape, but consider adding colour to highlight certain things like trees, buildings or pools of water... or just do your own thing!

Extra activity:

"A line is a dot that went for a walk." - Paul Klee

Paul Klee was an artist who used this technique within his drawings throughout his career. Have a look at his pictures and see what different things he drew using this technique!

Let's draw another picture but this time, can we draw an animal? Paul Klee has drawn a fish, a cat and people! What do you think you could draw without taking the line off the page?