

How to... Draw with scissors

(doodles and squiggles)

For this activity you will need:

- A black marker pen
- A piece of paper (A3, A4 or any size you can get)
- Various coloured pieces of paper (these can be scrap paper)
- A pair of scissors
- A stick of glue

Exercise:

Step 1

Get your piece of blank paper and your marker in front of you. Fill the piece of paper with doodles and squiggles – think about the shapes you see at a party, this could be:

- Cake (icing shapes)
- Bubbles
- Triangular sandwiches
- Wobbly jelly
- Candle sticks
- Party poppers/Confetti
- Zig zag of a party hat
- Balloons

Fill as much or as little space as you feel like – see where the drawing takes you and enjoy it!

Step 2

Grab your scissors and coloured paper. Thinking about the shapes again, cut out patterns that reflect lots of different shapes. Try to make the shapes as simple as possible and feel free to add marks onto the coloured pieces of paper too.

Once you feel you have enough coloured shapes, lay them out on top of your doodles and squiggles drawing until you're happy with the image in front of you.

Step 3

Now, remember where you have placed them. Taking a photo at this moment might help you out. And finally, glue the coloured shapes to the piece of paper.

Extra Activity

“Cutting directly into colour reminds me of a sculptor’s carving into stone.” – Henri Matisse

Matisse was an artist who used this technique towards the ends of his career.

Jump on the internet or head down to your local library and have a look at Matisse’s pictures. What different shapes did he use scissors to cut out? What themes do you think he was thinking about when he did this?

Choose your favourite Matisse picture and try to make an image using the same themes and shapes.