

How to... DRAW! with stencils

Find something to draw onto. In the video, MOD ONE uses a canvas but you can use a piece of paper, a bit of cardboard or anything that you have to hand.

Spray paints are the focus on this video, however, as MOD ONE explains, the same technique is possible with acrylics, watercolours or whatever your favourite drawing or painting tool is.

You will need:

- A few different colours.
- Pieces of paper or card and something to cut shapes into them.
- Either scissors or a craft knife (please ask a responsible adult to help you with this).
- Double sided tape or an adhesive tack to attach the canvas or piece of paper to the wall, if you are using one.
- Please make sure you have protected the wall behind your canvas or piece of paper and have sought permission to paint against any surfaces.

Exercise:

Step 1

If you are attaching your canvas to a wall, make sure you have protected the wall behind it first, then attach the canvas (or bit of cardboard) to the protected wall. Otherwise, get your canvas or paper on a table and all the tools ready to hand.

Step 2

Now, using any colours you like, draw a background on your canvas something that will form the basis of your picture.

Step 3

Get your paper or card and cut out a circular hole in it and lay this over your canvas (Please ask a responsible adult to do this if needed). Using your spray paints, or the alternative tools, and using the edge of the circular hole, start to use the cut-out shape to create the depth and 3D effect. Try using a darker colour first and work to the lightest, this will help build the depth within the image.

Make sure you don't spray or paint right in the middle of the stencil, to make sure we get that 3D picture.

Step 4

Once you're happy with the foundation, the darker colour layer. Switch to a lighter colour and create the middle and edges of the shape. Finish this off with the lightest colour you want to use.

Extra Activity

Once you've had a few goes and you feel happy with how 3D your circles look. Why not try making the shapes look like something from your imagination?

What do you think you have made? Is it a planet in the depths of space? Or a tennis ball flying through the air? Or is it a new kind of monsters flying across an abyss?