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DOODLE DEN

Make a den, pick up a pencil and explore the museum's collections through scribbling, sketching and silliness.



Let's look at artist
Cliff Rowe's
paintings



Great for ages 5 to adults

People's History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester M3 3ER



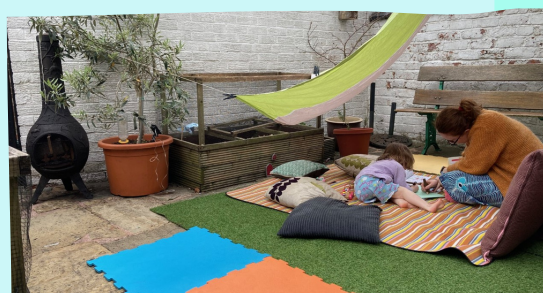
Artist Cliff Rowe explored the themes of industry, working life, and people in his paintings.

His paintings celebrate the importance of all jobs in helping to keep the country running, showing people performing calmly under pressure.

He also gives us an insight into workers' home lives, focusing on simple activities like gazing out of a window or playing games.

Make a den out of things you have around the house such as the sofa, dining room chairs, a bed sheet and blankets.

Fill with comfy cushions and settle in for some Doodle Challenges...





Woman Looking Through a Microscope, 1966

In this painting of a woman at work lots of lines and shapes make up the the science equipment she is using.

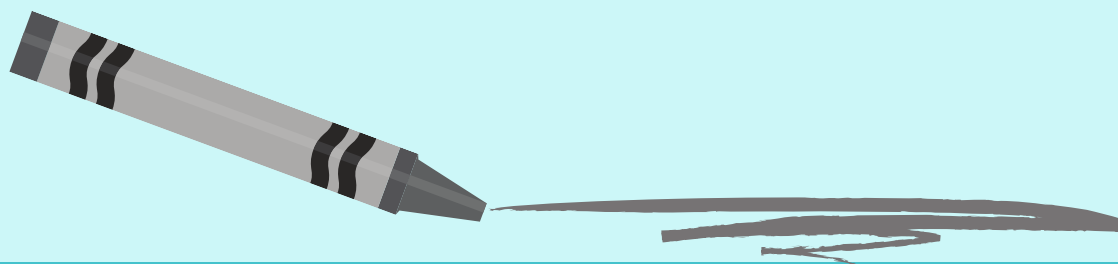
Doodle Challenge: line making in crayon

Colour in a piece of paper with colourful crayons, pressing down so there is a thick layer of wax on the paper.

Colour over the top with a black crayon.

Use something pointed like the lid of a pen to doodle, revealing the colour of the layer below.

Replicate the lines and shapes from the painting in your picture.



We want to see your doodling!

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Woman with Birdcage in Window, 1931

The bright colours of this woman's clothes and bird stand out against the brick walls of her home.

What do you think she might be looking at?

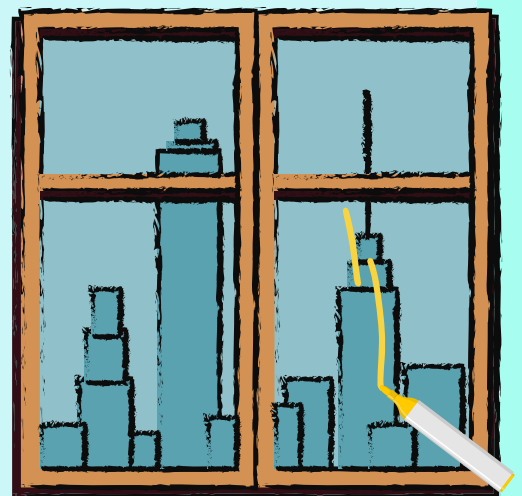
Doodle Challenge: den windows

Stick clingfilm or a piece of clear plastic to your window.

With a pen or some paints draw what you can see through it.

What stands out the most to you?

Once the ink or paint has dried, attach the clingfilm to your den using pegs or tape to make your own window.





Street Scene (unfinished)

Our local areas are unique, full of different things to do and see. In this painting we can see a cafe, a bookshop, and a greengrocers.

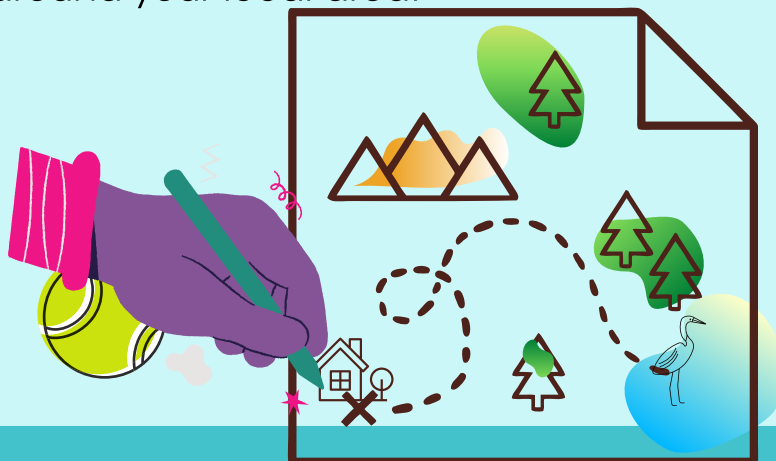
Doodle Challenge: map making

Get a pencil and paper.

Place something hard and round under your wrist and allow your hand to move around the paper in the direction it rolls.

Notice how your hand flows over the paper?

Without taking your pencil off the paper, use this motion to doodle a map highlighting some of the interesting places around your local area.





Girl with Skipping Rope, 1931

Here we have a girl holding a skipping rope. She looks like she is waiting for someone to come and play.

Doodle Challenge: no looking

Place a large piece of paper on the floor.

Lie on your back just below your piece of paper.

Raise your hands over your head and doodle without looking at your piece of paper until you have finished.

Can you use this method to draw a picture of your favourite thing to do when at home?

