

Barnsley Museums Makes: Flower Stall



Flower Piece by Jan Van Huysum- Barnsley Museums

Have you watched and sung along to our Market Day story yet? Did you spot this beautiful painting by Van Huysum in the film?

Artists use viewfinders to help them look closer at what they want to draw. It is a way to zoom in and focus on shapes and colour and worry less about drawing the whole picture. Van Huysum created a still life, drawing flowers. Have a go at creating your own still life, using a view finder to look closer at shapes.

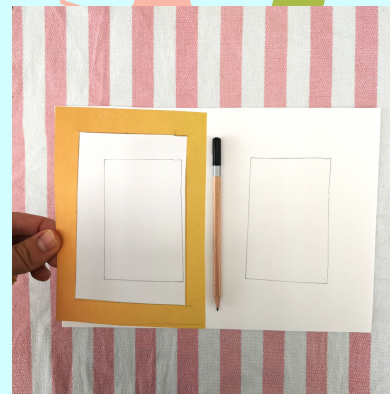
- You will need:**
- Thick paper or thin card to make viewfinder
 - Scissors
 - Ruler
 - Pencil
 - Objects to draw - eg, plant, fruit, bowl etc
 - Pencil crayons collage bits (optional) - eg magazine or scraps of coloured paper
 - Glue stick
 - 2 x sheets of paper



Find some objects around the house to create your still life. It can be anything from flowers, plants, fruit, toys, books etc. Arrange the objects on a table.



Create your viewfinder by carefully cutting a rectangle shape (ask an adult to help) from a piece of thick paper or card. The best size is the size of an A4 piece of paper folded twice.



Draw round the inside of your viewfinder once or twice on a piece of paper. These are called thumbnail drawings and are good to test out ideas.



Hold your viewfinder up against your still life and see what shapes and patterns you can see. What happens if you move it closer? Further back? Left to right?



Decide on where to keep your viewfinder and sketch what you can see through the finder in one of your boxes on the paper. You can do a second one too.



Pick which sketch you like the most. You can draw it bigger and bolder on another piece of paper and add colour and texture using pencil crayons, collage, felt tips or paint.