

Get out there, and make art!

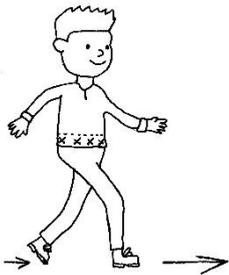
Why not join in The Great Big Art Exhibition with
Clyst Valley Regional Park?

#ClystArt #TheGreatBigArtExhibition2021



This art challenge is all about portraits, movement, and nature. You can make a framed portrait. It can be as simple or as grand as you like.

1. Explore!



Go on an art expedition. It's an adventure, who knows what you will discover? Go for a walk or bike ride to a place where there is some nature, maybe a park, or a garden, or the countryside. Think about the route you take, the way you travel on foot or on wheels. Notice what is all around you as you go. You will use these ideas to frame your portrait.

2. Investigate!

Find a tree. Give it a hug, why not?

This will be the theme of your portrait, you, with the tree.

Remember the details, what did it feel like, look like, smell like? Take a selfie of you with the tree, if you like, or fix what it looked like in your memory, or even make a quick sketch. This will be for your portrait.

If there are any natural materials like leaves, twigs, bark, dry grass, pick some up. You can use these to decorate your frame.

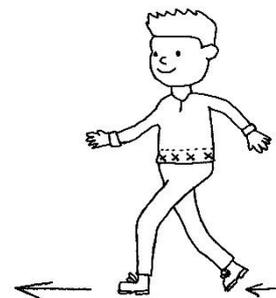


3. What do you see?

As you go back home, notice five things on the way.

What did you pass? Other people? A building? An animal? A plant? Paths, pavements or roads?

Remember them.



4. Make your portrait.

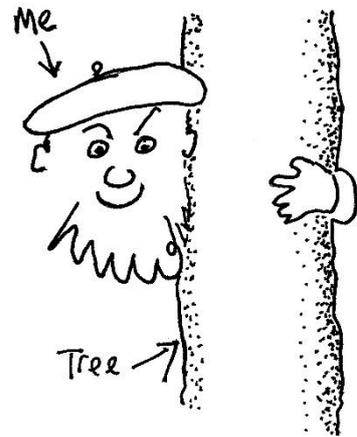
At home draw, or paint your portrait.

A picture of you, with the tree.

Think of the details you noticed, try to include them.

If you took a selfie or made a sketch, use it for reference.

You don't need to have posh paper, - even the inside of boxes often have white grey or light brown cardboard that is good for drawing or painting.

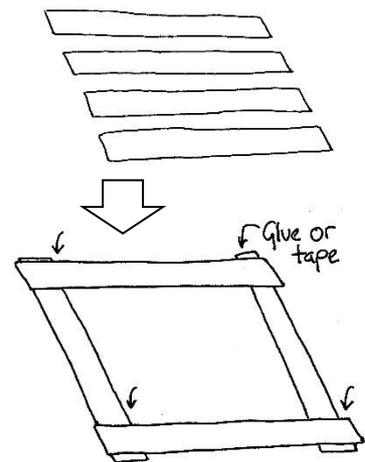


5. Make your frame.

You can use thick brown cardboard from boxes.

Cut four strips to fit around your picture.

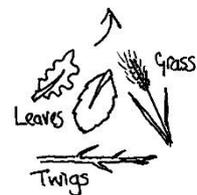
Glue or fix them together with sticky tape. Make it stronger with more layers of card if you need to



Decorate the frame by sticking things to it and drawing on it.

The frame will depict your journey, your expedition, your adventure

Use any natural materials you collected like leaves twigs or grass. If they are damp you will need to dry them before sticking! Or cut out nature shapes like leaves, from any kind of paper or card, and stick them to the frame. Draw on the frame too, or stick on small pictures of the things you saw on your expedition, things that you passed by on your journey. You can also decorate the frame with patterns that remind you of your art adventure.



6. Exhibition!

 Stick your picture behind the frame.. Job done!

You could display your art in your window for your neighbours to enjoy.

We would love to see it too. Here is how ...

To join the national exhibition, take a picture and share it on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram. Use the hashtags #TheGreatBigArtExhibition2021 and #ClystArt If you can tag our project @ClystValleyPark you can be sure that we will see it!

Or email it to us if you would like us to share it for you. Send to jfreeman@eastdevon.go.uk

There are other art activities available from The Great Big Art Exhibition at <https://firstsite.uk/>

