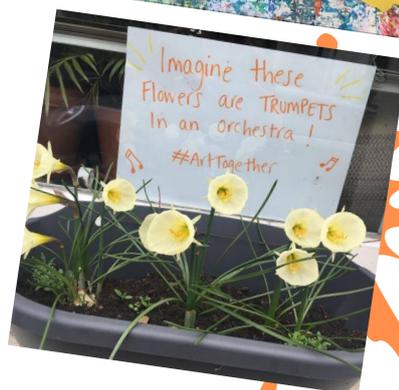


Fill up your week with these free fun art activities!

Every Monday, National Galleries of Scotland posts a new set of creative activities that have been designed for children of all ages to explore at their own pace. And, of course, grown-ups can join in too – especially with the mid-week #ArtTogether activities!

These wee taster activities require absolutely NO ART MATERIALS – just a little bit of imagination and a lot of creativity. They aim to develop creativity skills, such as problem solving, imagination, curiosity and open-mindedness. Please keep in mind that there are no wrong answers - this is all about looking, chatting, making and enjoying your time together at home!

Visit nationalgalleries.org to see the activities, artist videos, zoom in on artworks and more – or work your way through these PDF versions! We'd love to see the great art you make at home, and to hear how you're getting on so please share your photos on our Facebook page or by using #HomeArt on Twitter or Instagram!



Week Five: Magic Conversations



Dame Barbara Hepworth, 'Conversation with Magic Stones', 1973

This week's inspiration is the multi-part sculpture by Barbara Hepworth, 'Conversation with Magic Stones'. She called the 3 standing parts 'figures' and the other 3 'magic stones'. She often made things in 'threes' - partly because she gave birth to triplets in 1934!

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1. Your turn!

Each of these stones has a unique decoration on its surface. If you zoom in closely to the photo you can see scratched in circles, marks and textured areas. We want you to find as many different textures as you can around the house. If you like, you could make your own textures. Try doing a rubbing... or use silver foil to capture the texture.

2: See, Think, Wonder

Take a closer look

- Does Conversation with Magic Stones remind you of anything?
- What sounds might magic stones make?
- Imagine having a conversation with magic stones... what would you talk about?
- How have conversations changed in the last year and the last 1000 years?
- How do you think conversations will change in the future?
- What's the best conversation you've ever had? What made it so good?



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3: Mid-week #ArtTogether

Have a conversation about what's magic in your life. Write it down, draw a quick pic, take a photo ... share it with us however you like.

4: Listen!

If you have access to the internet, you can listen to someone describe the sculpture: <https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/visually-impaired-tour-sculpture-park>

Close your eyes and listen to the description of the sculpture. Barbara Hepworth carved directly into wood and stone with lots of interesting tools. Can you imagine what sounds you might hear if you were standing beside her when this was being made? If you don't have access to the internet, have a close look at the photo and try to describe it to someone who can't see it. Ask them to draw what you describe and when they're done have a look at it together!

5: Use your sense

Enjoy this special story together inspired by this sculpture. Afterwards, find 3 or 6 things in your house that could have a magic conversation. Act out or imagine the conversation.