

Mural Design Workshop

What To Paint: Part 1



These activities will help you come up with ideas that can help you in the design of a mural. Coming up with a design is sometimes difficult so it is important to stay relaxed, experiment and have fun!

For these activities, you will need something to draw on and something to draw with. For the last page some scissors and maybe some coloured paper.

DRAWING THE WORDS

1

Opposite are a few phrases that could make some interesting pictures.

2

Get yourself something to count the time - it could be a stopwatch, a phone or you could use the second hand of a clock.

3

Pick 1 phrase to do a 1 minute drawing. Pick another one to do a 5 minute drawing and pick a final phrase for a 10 minute drawing.

Remember to let your imagination run wild and you can always go back and pick more phrases!

AS BLIND AS A BAT

CAUGHT RED HANDED

AS SLY AS A FOX

GREEN WITH ENVY

LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG

OUT OF THE BLUE

AS GENTLE AS A LAMB

AS COOL AS A CUCUMBER

STORM IN A TEACUP

CAT AMONGST THE PIGEONS

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS

LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE

A DIFFERENT KETTLE OF FISH

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9 CIRCLES

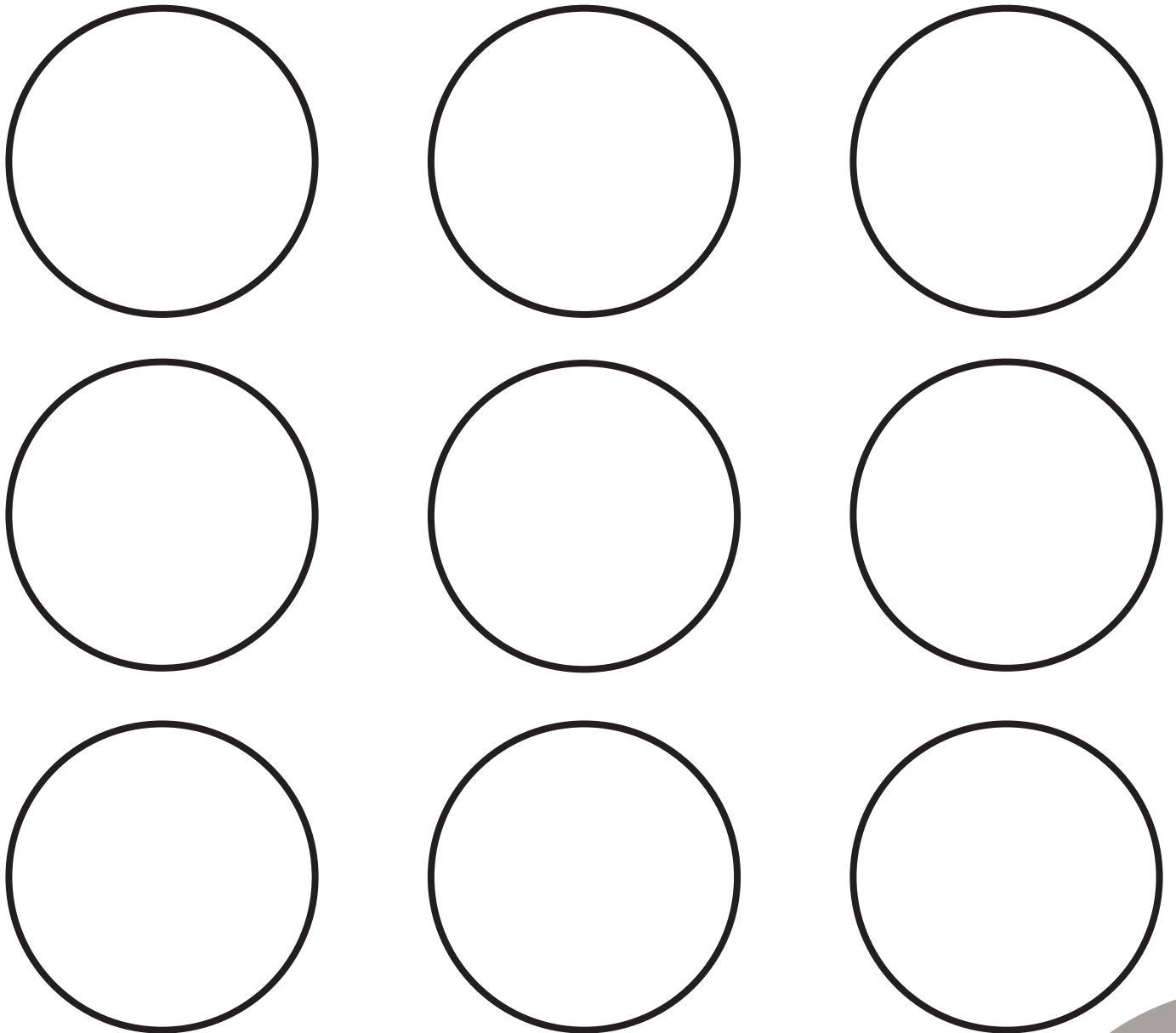
1

This page contains 9 empty circles that need filling in.

2

You have exactly 1 minute to fill all the circles with drawings - they could be anything you want but you must do it within 1 minute!

Think about objects, letters, emojis, animals, buildings, plants...



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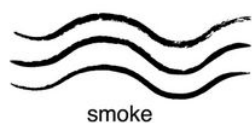
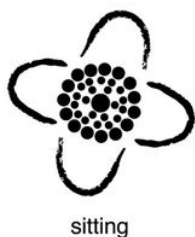
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SYMBOLS

Sometimes artists can use pictures instead of words to say something.

1 The opposite pictures are everyday symbols that you may already know about. Try and guess what each could mean (answers at the bottom of the page).

2 And these ones below perhaps you don't know about. These are symbols used by the indigenous people of Australia.



What do these symbols mean?
Write your answers below!



3

Find something to draw on and create your own symbols. Remember, a symbol is something really simple to represent something else - it could be the weather, your mood, a pet, a family member or maybe even your favourite food!

4

Now try giving your symbols to someone else - but don't tell them what it is. Ask them to guess. Don't worry if they don't get it at first but their answer might help you on your next try!

Everyday symbols: 1. Pause, 2. Disabled, 3. Rain, 4. Happy

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COLLAGE

The next activity is a fun way to make art involving collage - which means adding things together to make art!

1

Carefully cut out the shapes below and put them in a position you like. If you wish you can colour them first. If you have some, you could even make your own shapes using coloured card or old magazine pages.

2

Once you've got all your shapes in a position you like, what happens if you try to draw your creation on some paper? Maybe you could even add more shapes onto that drawing - adding layers like this will make some really fun images!

