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Art activities
Kojima's Papercutters



WHAT IS THE IDEA/INSPIRATION?

Let's make paper-cut artworks using scissors and paper!

ACTIVITY OUTLINE

"When I was a child I would lie down on my back on the grass and draw the underside of flowers." Kojima said.

Every summer the flowers bloom, the bees buzz and start to make honey. Let's use paper to create a scene of a summer garden that Kojima would love. We are going to make flowers, bees and honeycomb to exhibit in the 360° virtual reality art gallery. If we all work together, we can create something brilliant!

What you will need:

- **Flowers:** White paper, Scissors, Pencil, Circle template (or bowl)
- **Bees:** Black paper, Scissors, Pencil, Bee template
- **Honeycomb:** Honey-coloured, brown or gold cardboard/paper
Scissors, Pencil, Hexagon template, (optional) glue

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Watch:

<https://artbuilders.co.uk/resources/>



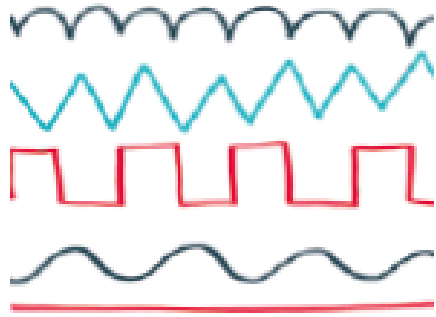
A video showing the different activities included in this power point.

The Artist: Nahoko Kojima

Paper Artist, Nahoko Kojima is a professional contemporary Japanese paper cut artist, born in Hyogo, Japan on 2 October 1981. She started Kirie (Japanese Papercutting) under private tutelage at the age of 5 and continued throughout her formative years.



STEP 1.



SCISSOR WARM-UP

Practise your scissor cutting skills by drawing some different pattern lines on a scrap bit of paper. Carefully cut along the lines, practising holding the paper and using the scissors. Once warmed-up you are ready!

[DOWNLOAD THE SCISSOR WARM-UP TEMPLATE HERE](#)



Instructions

STEP 2.



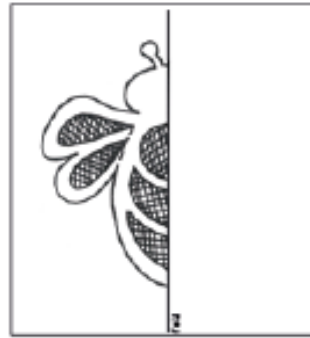
FLOWERS

To make a flower, you need to draw and cut out a circle on white paper (about the size of a pudding bowl). Fold the paper in half. Fold again into quarters. And fold again into eighths! Draw some petal shapes and flower centre, like the examples. Cut out the design with scissors. Open up your paper to reveal your flower.

[DOWNLOAD THE FLOWER TEMPLATES HERE](#)



STEP 3.



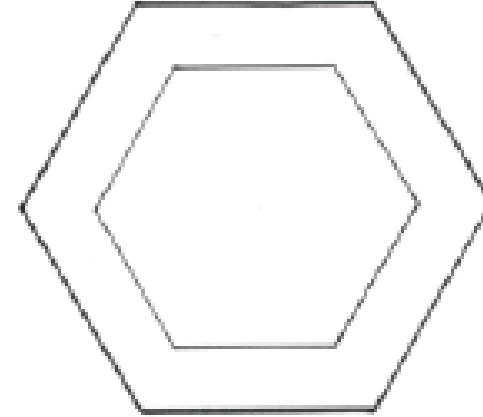
PAPER BEE

To make a paper bee, fold a piece of black paper in half. Draw a half bee like this one along the folded edge. If you prefer, you can print the bee template to help guide your drawing. Cut out the half bee carefully. Unfold to see your creation!

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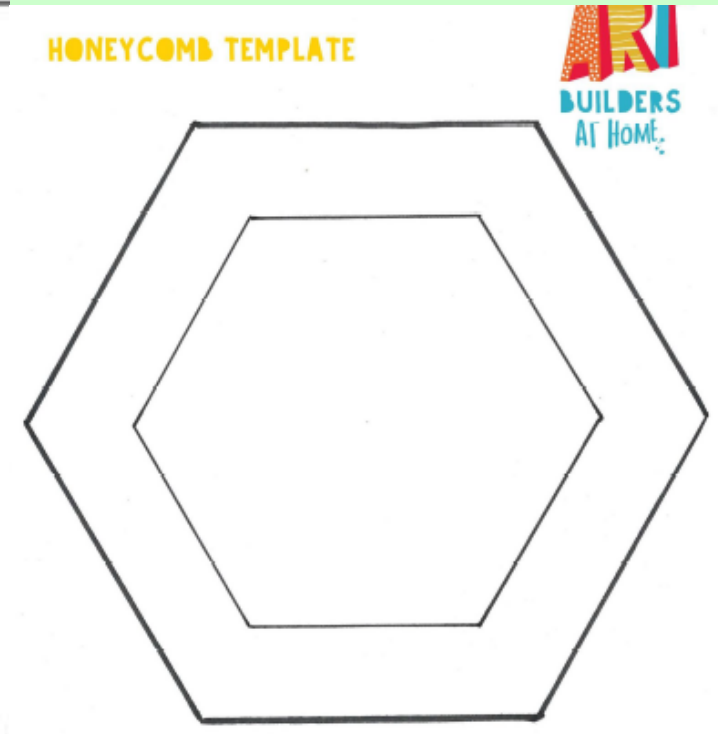
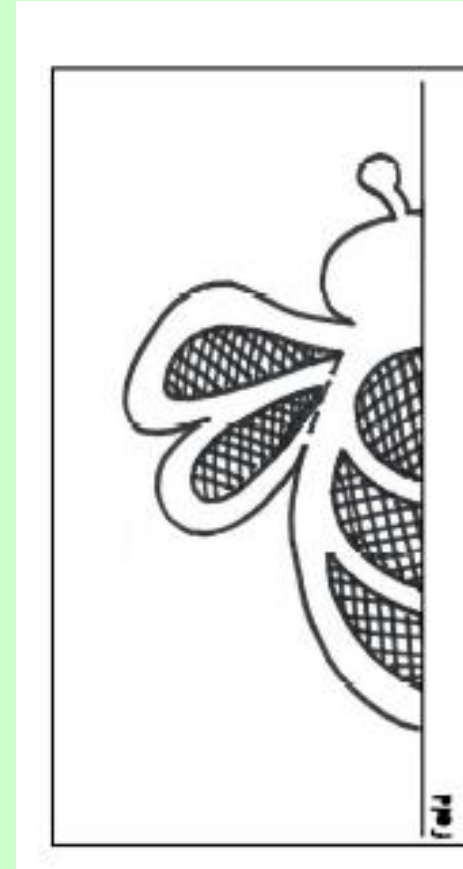
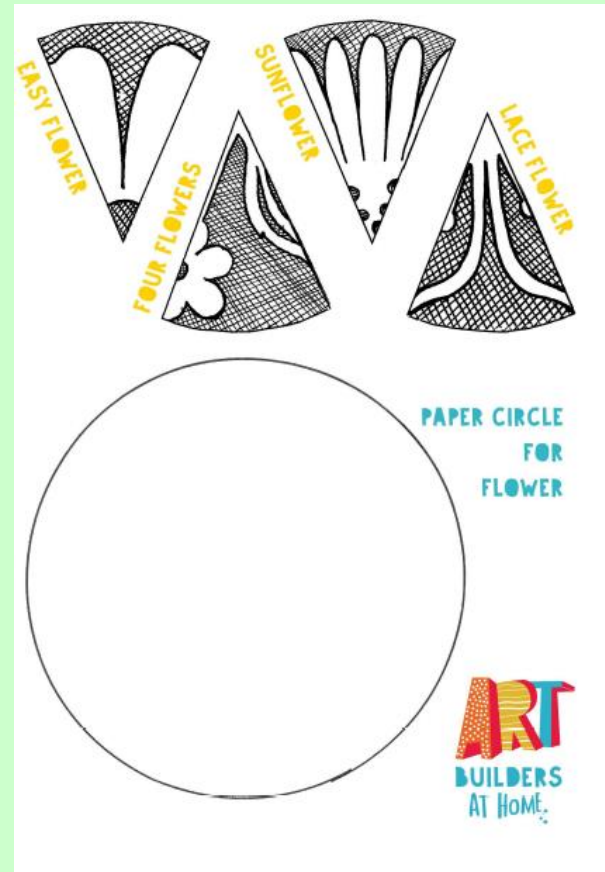
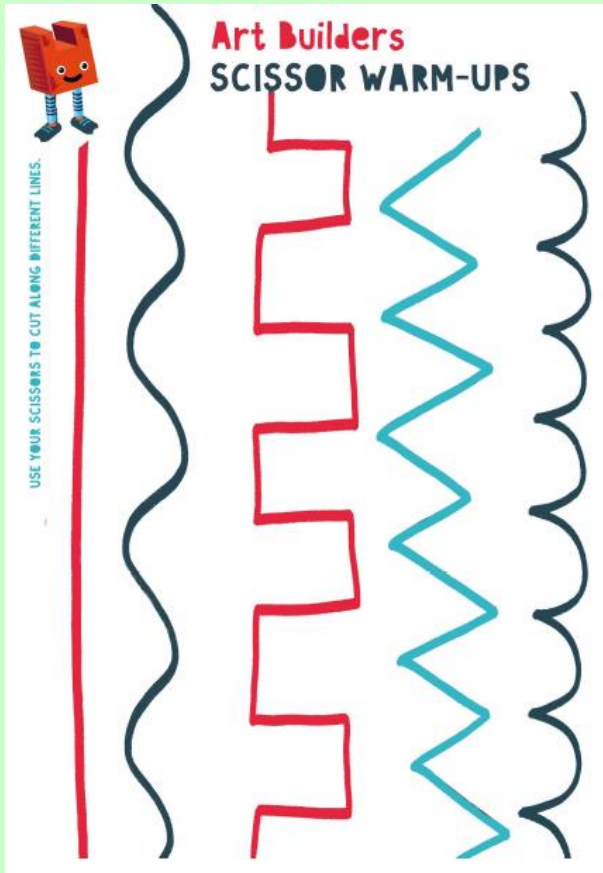
STEP 4.



HONEYCOMB

To make a honeycomb, you need to find some interesting pieces of paper that are honey-coloured. Cardboard works well but see what you can find!

Templates - see website for document



Other activities you could try:

FLOWER SKETCHES

Kojima looked at flowers in her art class and they inspired her to make art. When you go in the garden or on a walk, see if you can find some flowers. Look super carefully at them and make a drawing of them. These drawings may help you to make your paper-cut flower designs.

BEE'S HONEY MILKSHAKE

Try this delicious honey-flavoured milkshake by blending these ingredients together:

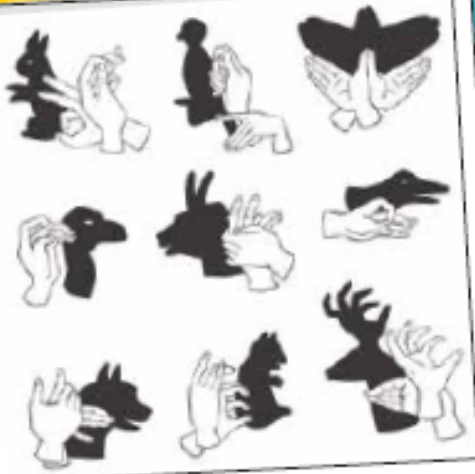
2 cups vanilla ice cream

$\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 cup of milk (I use less because I prefer a thicker milkshake)

$\frac{1}{3}$ cup of honey

Other activities you could try:

SHADOW ART



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WHY NOT?

Listen to some bee songs whilst you are buzz-y making art!

- The Flight of The Bumblebees by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
- You Should Be Dancing by Bee Gees
- Honey, Honey by ABBA

OUTDOOR SHADOWS (Do this on a sunny day!)

- Place a large piece of paper under a tree
- Notice the shadows on the paper
- Using a pencil, draw around the outline of the shadows. Work quick before the sun moves!
- Using any colour that you like, colour-in the shadowy shapes. Sometimes you can create abstract images, other times it will look exactly like the tree!

When Kojima makes a sculpture, she hangs them in a gallery and shines light on them. The light makes shadows on the floor and walls. You can make some amazing artworks using shadows. Try these:

INDOOR SHADOWS

- You'll need a lamp (or a torch), blank wall and a dark room!
- Try and make these animals with your hands
- Place your hands into front of the light and see the animal's shadow on the wall
- Using only you hand shadows, can you make them move? Give them a voice? Tell a story?