

TOOLKIT #1

KOJIMA'S PAPERCUTTERS

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Art Builders is about inspiring and supporting schools to programme art activity, giving all young children and teaching staff an opportunity to get involved in the arts and be creative. Whether daily art lessons, art weeks or big art days, we believe that creativity should be a valued part of education system. Art Builders champions art experiences for every child, every academic year.



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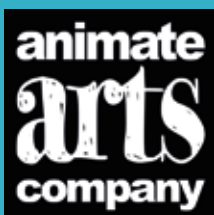
ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT



Art Builders At Home is a free art project for primary-aged pupils. Animate Arts has secured funding from Arts Council England to create six extraordinary, creative 'Art Builder Toolkits' which have been made by professional artists; about world-class artists; for Key Stage 1 and 2 children. These Toolkits offer practical activities to do using low-cost, easy-to-find materials, so participants can take part at home or in the classroom. By completing any of these toolkits, makers will create amazing, unique artworks that can be shared with classmates, teachers, friends and family!

If you are using these Toolkits before 31 July 2020, you can submit your art works to Animate Arts Company. We will then feature your artwork in an amazing 360° virtual reality film. This expedition to see your art work will be available to watch from September 2020.

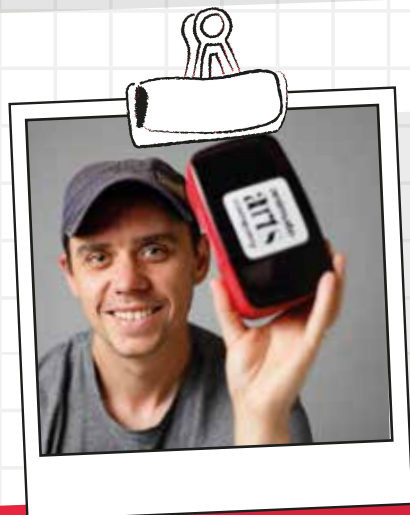
All Toolkits are suitable for Arts Award At Home accreditation. For further information and logbooks, go to our resource page on www.artbuilders.co.uk



ART BUILDERS IS CREATED BY ANIMATE ARTS COMPANY.

Animate Arts Company is a national award-winning team of professional artists and makers who make high-quality participatory art projects, particularly in schools and community settings. We work creatively with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through workshops, events, training and cultural programmes. Animate Arts is a charitable organisation and you can find out more about their work on www.animateartscompany.com

WANT TO BE A 360° ARTIST?



This is Tim. He makes 360° films using a special camera and computer. He loves art work created by Art Builders and wants you to help him make his next film. It will be called **The Art Builders' Gallery.**

ABOUT TIM

Where?

Maidstone, Kent

What do you do?

Photographer and filmmaker

About Tim:


I like growing things and drinking tea - so much so that I've started growing tea. It doesn't taste very good yet though! I also like food, and can usually remember what I was eating more than what I was doing.

FUN FACT

I have 5 cameras (at least!),
4 chickens, 3 girls, 2 cats,
1 lovely wife and no llamas.

YOUR MISSION



We want you to create artwork to feature on this 360° virtual film – Isn't that cool? In every Art Builders Toolkit, look for this symbol  This is your special creative mission. Complete the activity then send your artwork to Tim before 31 July 2020. Your work could be included in the amazing 360° virtual reality film! This film, with your artwork, will be premiered to the world via YouTube in September 2020.

Tim made this film with 200 Art Builder Kids, teachers and artists. They built a moon, only from paper. It was the size of a big hall! Watch this film and you can look around the moon!



TOOLKIT #1 – KOJIMA'S PAPERCUTTERS

1. Complete the Paper Cut Activity with Jo
2. Make 1 x paper blooms, 1 x buzzy bee and 1 x yummy honeycomb to feature in the film. Post your papercut artworks to Tim before 31 July 2020 to:

Send to:

ART BUILDERS HQ, C/o Animate Art Company, Alexander Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8NZ

ABOUT ME



JO DYER

Name? Jo Dyer

Where? Kent

What do you do? Theatre designer and installation artist

About Jo: I am an artist that LOVES cardboard and paper. I enjoy making very big art works from these materials. In fact, they are so big that people can work into my art! I've built life-size gardens, shops and houses – all out of cardboard! I also like biscuits, writing with pencils and cherry blossom trees!

About paper: Did you know paper was invented in China over 2000 years ago?

FUN FACT

Jo has a cat that loves cardboard boxes too!



MY SELECTED ARTIST

Name? Nahoko Kojima

Where? Japan

When? She is still creating art.
She is 39 years old.

Type of artist/art form: Paper artist

About: Kojima is a very talented artist who uses paper to make giant sculptures. Each one is made from special Japanese paper called 'washi' paper. Using only 1 sheet of paper, she carefully cuts it into the shape of the animal. She hangs the piece on invisible string, so the animal looks 3D and floating in the air. When lights shine on the paper, it creates beautiful shadows on the floor and walls.



NAHOKO KOJIMA



FUN FACT

Kojima has made giant floating sculptures of a crocodile, an eagle, a polar bear and a tiger.



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!

HOW TO

THINGS 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

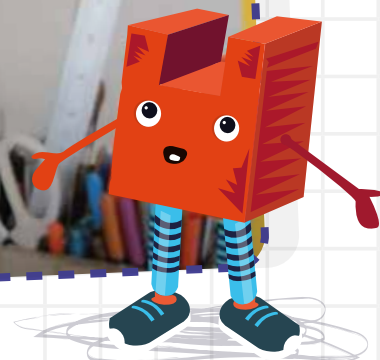
PRESS PLAY
TO VIEW



HERE IS A CLOSE-UP
PICTURE OF JO'S
FINISHED ARTWORK.

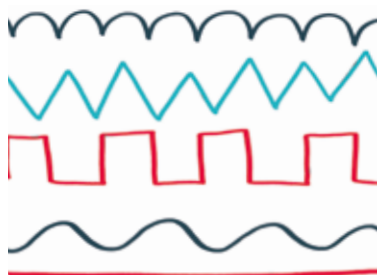


WATCH JO'S 'KOJIMA PAPER CUTTERS'
WORKSHOPS ON [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com)



INSTRUCTIONS

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



STEP 2.



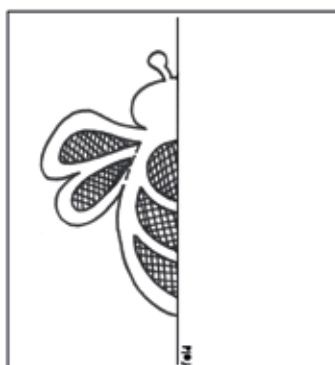
FLOWERS

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.



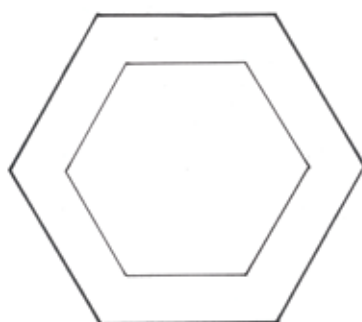
PAPER BEE

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!

DOWNLOAD THE BEE TEMPLATE HERE



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!

Step 4 continued...

Print and cut out the template to draw around. This will give you the right size honeycomb for the gallery. Cut out. You can leave your honeycomb plain or decorate it with honey-coloured paper.

DOWNLOAD THE HONEYCOMB TEMPLATE



STEP 5.



You can make as many of these as you like for your own displays, but send us 1 x flower, 1 x bee and 1 x honeycomb to feature in the art gallery! (Posting instructions are on page 4)

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



SHADOW ART



SHADOW ART

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

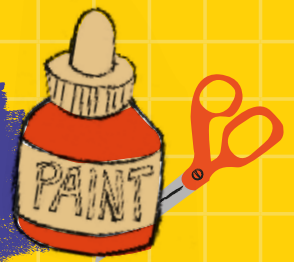
- You'll need a lamp (or a torch), blank wall and a dark room!
- Try and make these animals with your hands
- Place your hands into front of the light and see the animal's shadow on the wall
- Using only you hand shadows, can you make them move? Give them a voice? Tell a story?

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

By completing the Toolkits on the Art Builders At Home project, and exhibiting your art work on the 360° virtual reality film, young artists can qualify for Arts Award Discover award.

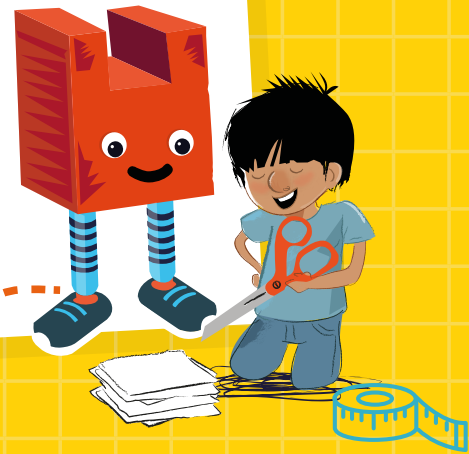


WHAT IS ARTS AWARD DISCOVER?

Arts Award Discover is an introduction to Arts Award, a set of awards for children and young people that gets them involved in and excited about the arts and culture and celebrates their artistic achievements. Arts Award aims to improve confidence and communication skills, as well as developing arts skills and knowledge.

To gain their Arts Award, young people create an arts log by collecting evidence of what they have done and reflecting on their experiences. This can be created in any form, from a scrapbook to a set of online files.

When they have finished Arts Award Discover children get a certificate from the international awarding organisation.



HOW?

As children complete the practical art activities in these toolkits, they will need to record what they have done, showing that they have completed all three parts of Discover which are:

- PART A:** Taking part in arts activity
- PART B:** Finding out about an artist
- PART C:** Share your artwork

It can be evidenced in any format you like, from photos to writing to drawing. If you prefer, you can use the free, downloadable Art Builders Logbook to record all three parts. It is available from www.artbuilders.co.uk/resources

Once your child has completed all three parts of Discover at Home, for a small fee (£4 at time of writing) you can submit their work to Art Builders HQ (Animate Arts Company) who will arrange their certificate.

Schools who would like their Art Builders pupils to work towards an Arts Award Discover can also do so. Certificates can also be arranged through Art Builders HQ (Animate Arts Company). Please get in touch to discuss.



For more details about Arts Award Discover At Home, you can read details here: <https://learn.artsaward.org.uk/discover-at-home>. The Art Builders Logbook can be downloaded from www.artbuilders.co.uk/resources



OUR TOOLKITS

Toolkit #1 – Kojima's Papercutters

Toolkit #2 – Cornell's Boxes

Toolkit #3 – Gormley's Army

Toolkit #4 – Shonibare's Textiles

Toolkit #5 – Wiley & Sherald's Miniatures

Toolkit #6 – 360° Sound Artists

