



Art at Home Activity 6

Home Portrait

For all ages

The Challenge: Make a 3D drawing of part of your home. Use our printable template to create a miniature version of a room or area that has been important to you, or changed during 2020.

The Inspiration: Artists have used their homes as a subject for their art for centuries. The spaces we live in, and objects we have in our homes say a lot about us. They hold stories and memories, and some objects will be treasured as we get older and passed down to future generations.

Our current exhibition, *Paloma Varga Weisz: Bumped Body*, includes several pieces inspired by the artist's family and her childhood home. *Magazin* is a replica of the frontage of Varga Weisz's childhood home, and includes a soundscape of her and her siblings playing. *Haus* was Varga Weisz's dolls house, which was passed down from her mother. These sculptures capture moments in time in the artist's life, and allow us to glimpse into her family history.

Your home in 2020

During 2020 many of us have spent much more time at home. You may have changed the way you use your home, spent time redecorating or reorganising, or made or collected new things to make it a nicer place to be.

We'd like you to make an artwork which captures this moment in your home, then send in photos of it to be displayed on our digital gallery screen in the Henry Moore Institute.

Images: Paloma Varga Weisz, *Magazin* (2019) and *Haus* (2012)



What you'll need:

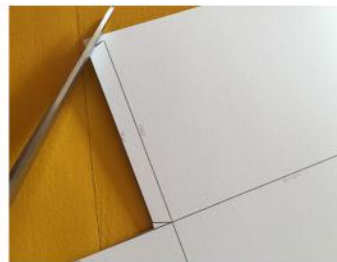
- A sheet of A4 white card
- Scissors
- A printer, or a ruler and pencil
- Drawing materials (pens, pencils, crayons, whatever you have and like using)
- Sellotape, masking tape or a glue stick



Download the template from our website and print it on white card. Select 'fill entire paper' in your print settings. No printer? Follow our video tutorial to draw out your own.



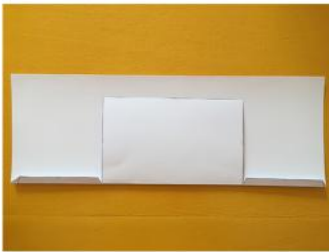
Cut neatly along the lines to cut off the shaded area of the template. You should be left with a T shape.



Carefully cut the corners off the tabs. Cut a straight line across from the corner of the tab to the edge of the card.



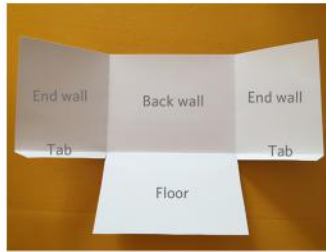
Starting with the printed lines facing down, fold the bottom section up and make a neat crease along the dotted line.



Fold up the tabs on the dotted line. Make your crease as straight as possible and push it down to make a neat fold.



Now fold in the side panels using the dotted line as a guide. Line up the edges to help make your folds square.



Your card is now ready to start drawing. You'll stick it together once your drawing is finished.

Now go for a walk around your house and decide which room or area you want to be the subject of your home portrait. Use the tips below to help you plan your drawing.

Tips for drawing your Home Portrait

- Choose a space that has been important, or that has changed in 2020. You could draw a room, an area or even just a favourite corner or shelf.
- Decide on the viewpoint (or 'perspective') for your drawing. You may want to draw the objects as though you're looking at them flat against the wall.
- Your drawing doesn't have to look exactly like the real thing, but keep all the things that make it personal. Include the mess, and all the details that capture life in your home in 2020. Think of it as a visual diary entry!
- Will you include people in your drawing? Could you draw a certain situation, or time of day or night?
- Sit in the room you're drawing and keep looking at it as you draw it. Don't guess what it looks like - keep checking!
- If you prefer, you could create an abstract portrait of your home - can you draw the sounds, feelings or experiences of your home in 2020?



Include the details...

my favourite plant

something I made

the cat sleeping on the chair

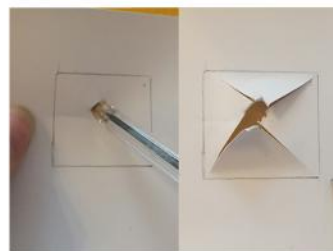
Use whatever materials or drawing style you like!

Include the mess!

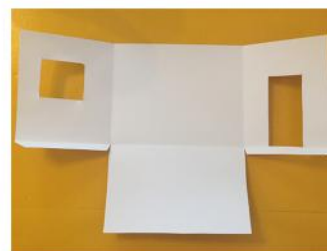
Try drawing furniture and objects as if you're looking at them from floor level



If you like, you can cut windows and doors out before you start drawing. Draw them first using a ruler to make them square.



To cut them out, use a biro to carefully punch a hole, then put your scissors through it and cut out the shape. Ask an adult to help if you're unsure!



Now, draw your Home Portrait, using the tips and ideas above.



Once your drawing is complete, stick the tabs underneath the 'floor' section using tape or glue stick.



Take photos of your Home Portrait to send to us. Find a nice bright area by a window and a plain background.



If you have one, a big sheet of paper taped or propped up like this makes an ideal backdrop.

Share your Home Portraits with us

Take a few photos from different angles, showing different details of your Home Portrait.

Send your photos to homeportrait@henry-moore.org. We'll display them from mid November in our digital gallery in the Institute. If you share them on social media, tag us using @HMILeeds on Twitter, or @henrymooreinstitute on Facebook and Instagram.

Why not create a whole house of Home Portraits? Task other members of your family to make their own, then stick them all together!