



Art at Home Activity 2

Wild Bunch Printed Collage

The Challenge: Explore printing and mark making to create interesting patterns and textures, which you'll use to make a collage of characters inspired by Paloma Varga Weisz's *Wild Bunch* sculptures.

The Inspiration: *Wild Bunch* is a series of small ceramic sculptures. They are fantastical creatures arranged in 'families'. They look human, but have animal-like features. The artist was inspired by the endless possibilities of childrens' imaginations. This activity is all about patterns and textures, so you can also take inspiration from other sculptures in the *Bumped Body* exhibition. Paloma Varga Weisz often uses natural materials, and carves many of her sculptures from wood. *Cabinet* includes lots of small objects and carvings. Look closely at the images of these objects to get some ideas for your prints.



Wild Leute / Wild Bunch, 1998



Schrank / Cabinet, 2018

Art Fact!

Paloma Varga Weisz was inspired by the paintings of Lucas Cranach the Elder, a German artist who lived during the Renaissance in the 15th century. His paintings of primitive humans provided inspiration for the *Wild Bunch* figures.



Details of *Schrank / Cabinet*, 2018

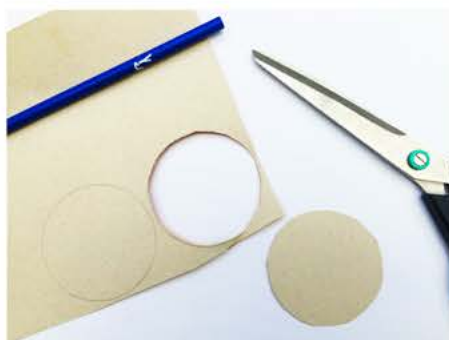
What you'll need:

- Plain paper (plus coloured paper or card for the collage if you have it)
- Scissors
- PVA Glue
- String
- Cardboard
- Ink rollers or paintbrushes
- A damp cloth and water pot for cleaning brushes and stamps between colours
- Ink or acrylic paint to print with
- Household materials for mark making such as bubblewrap, toilet roll tubes, plastic bags, cling film, tissue paper (anything disposable that has an interesting texture)
- A flat paint tray, or something you can use to spread ink or paint in (e.g. a flat dish, paper plate or even a thick piece of card covered in cling film)

Tips for easy clean-up: Wear old clothing or an apron, and work on a wipe clean surface.



Step 1: Gather your equipment. Look around the house to find lots of different materials to make marks and patterns with.



Step 2: Cut out a few different cardboard shapes to make your stamps. These can be any shape you like. Draw around a cup or glass to make a perfect circle.



Step 3: Try out different patterns for your stamps, using string or other materials you've found. Decide on a few patterns, then carefully glue them down.



Step 4: Make a rolling stamp by gluing string in a spiral around a toilet roll tube. See what different patterns you can make.



Step 5: Once you've created a few different stamps, let the glue dry before you begin printing.



Step 6: Choose your ink or paint colours, then roll or spread them out in your tray, using your roller or paintbrush.



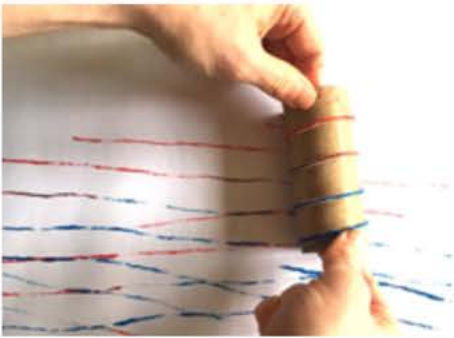
Step 7: Apply the ink or paint to the stamp using your brush or roller. Don't overload your stamp with ink, a light covering will make the best patterns (especially if using paint).



Step 8: Press the stamp on to your paper to make areas of texture and pattern. Let them dry, then wipe your stamps and add more colours. Try printing patterns over the top of each other to make different textures.



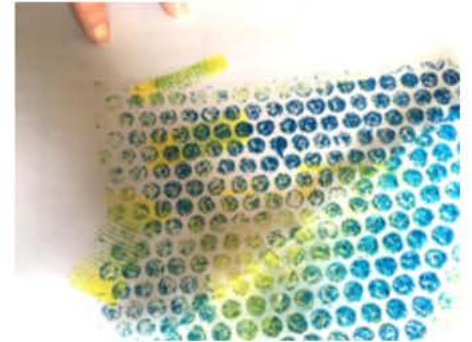
Step 9: To print your rolling stamp, spread out a thin layer of ink or paint in your tray, then carefully roll your stamp in it. Try adding two colours to your tray at once.



Step 10: Create patterns by rolling the tube across the paper. Build up lines on top of each other to create different effects.



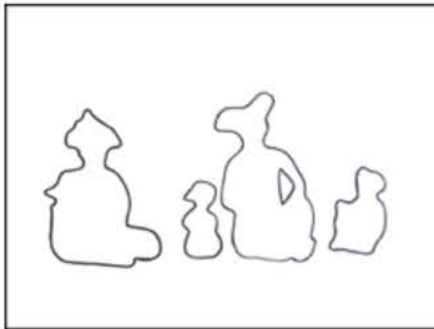
Step 11: Use your other materials to make patterns. Try rolling or brushing ink on to bubble wrap, balled up cling film, or scrunched up plastic bags.



Step 12: Lay bubble wrap on to paper to print a pattern. Other materials can be pressed or dabbed on to the paper. Make a few sheets of patterns in different colours.



Step 13: Design your characters. You can use the template provided, or create your own. What will your *Wild Bunch* family look like? How will you make them wild and animal-like? You may want to base them on your family!



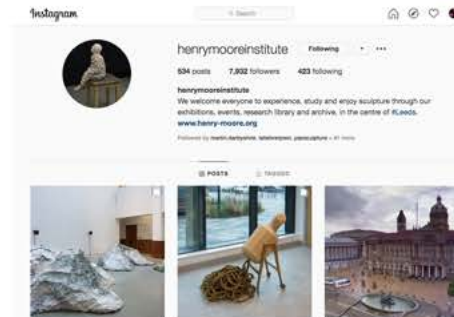
Step 14: Once your prints are dry, draw out the outlines of your characters on the back. If you're using the template, cut out the different characters to draw around. Choose different patterns for different characters.



Step 15: Cut out your characters and arrange your family of creatures on a new sheet of paper to make a collage. Try a few different layouts before sticking them down.



Step 16: If you prefer you can create a scene using the printed paper to make a background, then add your characters to the scene. Then, use leftover prints to make more collages!



Step 17: We'd love to see your creations. Take a photo of your collage and share it with us on social media (ask an adult to share it for you if you're under 13).

Look out for more family resources, and share your work with us, using #wildbunchcollage on our social media channels:

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