

CREATIVE CHALLENGE: SPRING COLLAGE

Spring Colour Study No.19 is a painting by British artist Mary Webb. The painting is part of the Arts Council Collection and was shown in the Received Wisdom exhibition at Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens. Mary Webb makes large scale square abstract paintings using bright colours and simple shapes including squares, rectangles and triangles. What is abstract art? Abstract art uses the visual language of form, shape, colour and line.



Description:

Make an abstract artwork inspired by spring and the painting Spring Colour Study No. 19 by artist Mary Webb.

Materials:

A4 paper/card
Coloured pens
Scissors
Glue

Image credit: Mary Webb, *Spring Colour Study No.19*, 1995. Arts Council Collection, Southbank Centre, London © the artist

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Step 1

This artwork is called Spring Colour Study. 19. The artist has thought about spring and used colours and simple shapes to represent her ideas. Can you think of 5 colours that best represent spring? Can you think of 4 or 5 shapes that represent spring? Clue: think of the shapes of Easter animals, raindrops, sun, rainbows, eggs and flowers.



Step 2

Using a sheet of A4 paper or card draw your 4 or 5 shapes on the paper (try and make the shapes quite big and bold). Now colour them in with your five chosen colours.



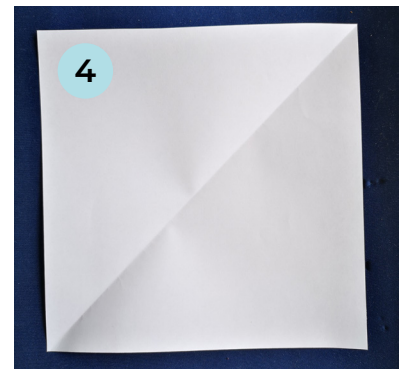
Step 3

Cut out different rectangle, square and triangle shapes from your drawings, using scissors. Aim for about 8 – 10 cut outs. You can leave white paper in your cut outs.



Step 4

Cut a square piece of paper or card from an A4 sheet (Mary Webb's artworks are always square). Clue: to get an exact square fold over the edge of the paper to make a triangle in the corner and cut the excess paper (rectangle) off. Unfold and you have a square!



Step 5

Arrange the shapes on the square paper/card in an interesting way – they can overlap or stick over the edge (you can cut any overhanging bits off at the end)



Step 6

Glue the pieces on to the background square. This technique is called collage. Your Spring abstract collage is complete! Stick it in a sunny window for others to enjoy.