

Ikon Activity Pack

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This pack includes practical activities inspired by our current exhibition of works by Judy Watson and John Newling. Recommended for early years.

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John Newling



*A Library of Ecological Conversations
(Leaves and Me) (2017-2019)*



John Newling in his studio

Judy Watson



standing stones, gumbi gumbi, stone tool
(2020)



standing stone, kangaroo grass, red and yellow ochre (2020)

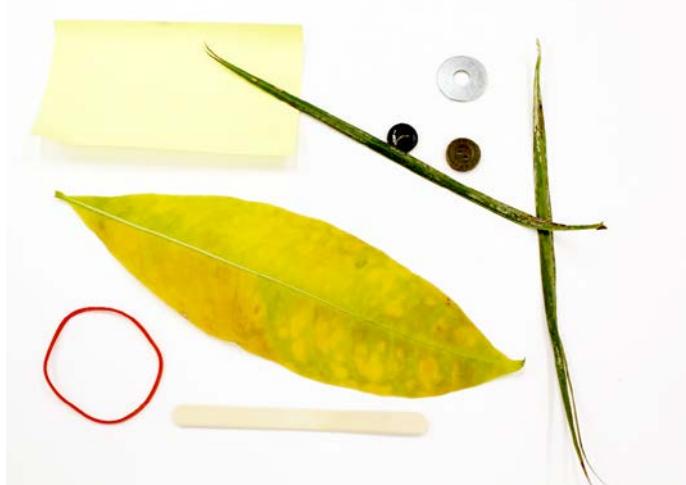
Mark Making

Found object rubbing

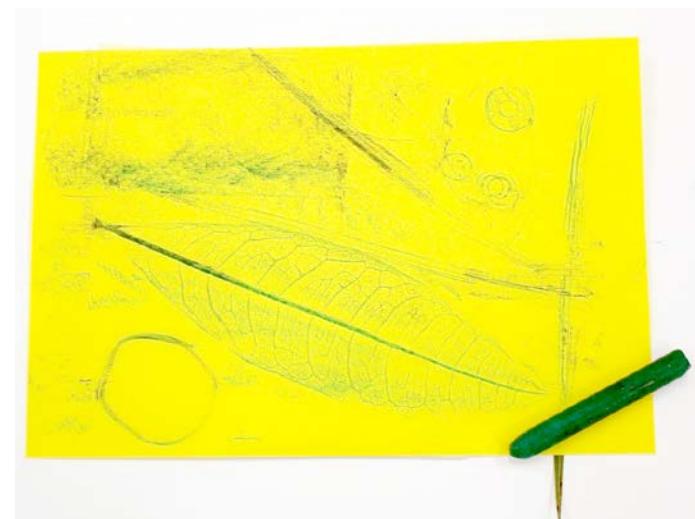
Judy Watson and John Newling like using found objects to create their work. Have a look around your home and garden and see what you can find.

You will need: Paper, found objects and a wax crayon.

1. Collect small objects from around your house and garden.



2. Place a sheet of paper on top and rub them with a crayon. It helps if you lay the crayon on its side.



Have some fun experimenting. You could try using different colour crayons and different shaped objects. You might even use the same objects and rearrange them.

Painting

Leaf printing

Judy Watson and John Newling use leaves in their work. Watson uses the leaves of plants that are special to her culture, whilst Newling uses plants that he finds in his garden. Can you find some leaves and grass around your home and garden?

You will need: Paper, leaves, paint and a paintbrush.

1. Find some leaves in your garden or from houseplants.

2. Paint one side of your leaf.



3. Carefully lay down your leaf, paint side down, on your paper. Gently press down on your leaf.

4. Lift your leaf.



Leaves come in lots of different shades of green. Use different amounts of blue and yellow paint to make different shades of green. You can try mixing shades that match the leaves you find.

Painting

Finger Printing

You may want to look at the different plants around your garden or home for inspiration.

You will need: Paper, paint and pencils (optional)

1. Mix yellow and blue paint to make green.
Dip your fingertips in the paint.

2. Use your fingers to make different leaf shapes. Different fingers will be different sizes. You can also drag, and roll your fingers to create different shapes.



3. Once it has dried you might like to take a pencil and add some more detail.



Collage

You can combine all of these projects into one piece of art by cutting them out and making a collage.



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