

ARTISTS AT HOME: HOW TO BECOME A REAL ARTIST BY LOOKING AT A REAL ARTIST

During these pandemic times it is difficult to visit a gallery so we will explore artworks in the home instead. We had the opportunity to go for a sculpture walk along the foreshore. Check out if there is any outdoor sculptures close to your house. Public art is terrific for little children to explore, climb (?) and discuss. Sometimes there is public art in shopping centres, public parks. Turn your walk into a discovery or treasure hunt... count the sculptures... describe what they can see.

Exploring sculpture with Alberto Giacometti?

All children love to play and create sculptures. It is very cheap and easy to use found objects. This week we will use cooking tinfoil or foil to construct sculptures just like Giacometti. Google Alberto Giacometti and find some images of his metal human forms. They are long and elongated and children love the shapes. Print off some examples and sit with your child and discuss the forms... the shapes... what metal it is made from...



Giacometti sculptures can be found...

In most major art museums and galleries across the world. There are even Giacometti sculptures in the Louvre at Abu Dhabi. After completing this exercise (or before) if you can visit the Louvre with your child and find Giacometti women. Spend some time discussing the shapes. Have your child stand like the sculptures... recreate them... talk about how their arms are positioned... how are their legs spread to balance.

Using a stiff object like a stick or a wooden spoon cover it in foil and use this shape as the backbone for the sculpture. Help your child to roll the tin foil to make the arms and legs and finally the head. Make them slightly longer and elongated to mimic Giacometti's people. You may need some clear tape to join the appendages, although sometimes the foil can be twisted and it will hold.

Parent discussion points...

What is a sculpture?

How is it different to a painting? (2 dimensions and 3 dimensions)

What are sculptures made from?



Resources you might find useful:

<https://nurturestore.co.uk/giacometti-sculpture-art-project-for-kids>
<https://theimaginationtree.com/giacometti-inspired-figure-sculptures/>

VOICES OF CHILDREN AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECT WHERE CHILDREN HAVE A VOICE

Week Four Update

Manarat Al Saadiyat & Bright Start - Family Academy in the context of the Early Arts Project are inviting all families to be involved in a unique project titled Voices of Children (VOC).

Week One:

Images of your children drawing and images of their drawings

Week Two:

Images of children undertaking some printing activities and images of children holding their finished products.

Week Three:

Images of their clay models and children showing us their creative artworks

Week Four:

Images that children have taken using iPads, iPhones, digital cameras LOOKING UP

So... hold those images and we'll tell you how to upload them to our website soon.

This week is something different....

It's called... **Voices of Children: LOOK DOWN**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEEK FIVE

1. Take your child with their phone, iPad or camera for a safe walk... wherever you can walk safely and talk to your child about LOOKING DOWN... yes look down... what can you see... shoes, toes, feet, shoes, gravel, sticks, sand, the pavement, the road, or something more interesting... insects.... Bugs... whatever!

What can you see?

What shapes can you see?

What is interesting?

What's different from looking down?

