

## Exploring Texture with Myra

Welcome to the workshop in which we will explore the process of using different textures imaginatively to create collage, sculpture and arrangements of made and found objects to print with, make rubbings of or photograph.

Suggested themes are eg Home sweet Home? as we are or Inside/Outside as we are currently staying in.

All the materials I have used have been found in my house lean to and very small garden as I know it's difficult to buy things at the moment.

Suggested materials from indoors:

Paper including sketchbooks, newspaper, smooth or corrugated cardboard whatever you can find.

Fabrics, rough, smooth, fluffy, woolly, and zips buttons, etc.

Pencils, pastels paints etc

Glue, staples, pegs, paper clips, string, needle and cotton nails, anything else you can find to attach one thing to another!

Boxes, bags, boards, mats, backing fabrics eg heavy cotton, canvas, linens.

Kitchen stuff eg pan scourers, j cloths, plastic bags

Suggested materials from shed and outside:

Wood, wire, washing line, stones, shells

Phew! Long list but I bet you can still find more.

You can use your raw materials to create collage or sculpture by laying and attaching using a combination of sewing glueing, stapling etc, if you don't have glue try wallpaper paste or flour and water paste.

You can also try something 3 dimensional, a shoe box or similar is a good start or if you have a clear plastic container that can be viewed from any angle that can be interesting. If you like producing work that is representational eg of someone or something important to you in your home that's great or you can be entirely abstract, try whatever approach appeals to you.

An alternative method is to use your materials to make prints if you have some paints or inks and paper or plain fabrics, or you can do rubbings with pencils, graphite sticks or crayons. I had slot of fun doing this with wood, bicycle chain and my metalwork garden furniture.

Finally, if you think of anything else just give it a whirl, and if you can take some photos on your phone and send them to Inside Out to share.

Happy Texturising!

Myra x

