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Family Activity

View Finder

We all look at artwork differently. What we see helps us to decide our thoughts about the artwork, what we think it means, and if we like it.

We might see things that others might not or focus on parts that we like. The longer we look, the more we find. We might change our mind on what we like or what it means, this is all part of looking.

This activity explores the way we view the artwork and helps to look closely at what we can see.

Word descriptions

Focus - to give your full attention to what you are doing or to what is happening.

View - to see something or to be seen from a particular place.

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Warm up exercise

We are going to *frame* the artwork with our fingers and hands.

1. Pick an artwork to look at. Cover one eye with your hand, and then swap your hand over to cover the other eye. Take it in turns, go fast or slow, think about how it changes your view.
2. Now use your fingers on both hands to make a human viewing frame, like a *finger frame* or *film director's hands*.
3. Try lots of different shapes that you can make with your fingers to look through. Try and make a square, a circle, a heart shape (we love you too!).
4. Look at the whole of an artwork without a finger frame and then again with all the shapes you can make.
5. Find a space: move back and forth from the artwork to see it close, in mid-shot, and in the distance.

Word descriptions

Frame - to fix a border around a picture.

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Word Prompts

Use these words to help with the activity

Mirror Plants Stool Sculpture Stones

Concrete Lights Mirror Cushions Reflection

Windows Boxes Wheels Metal Camera

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Seek and Search

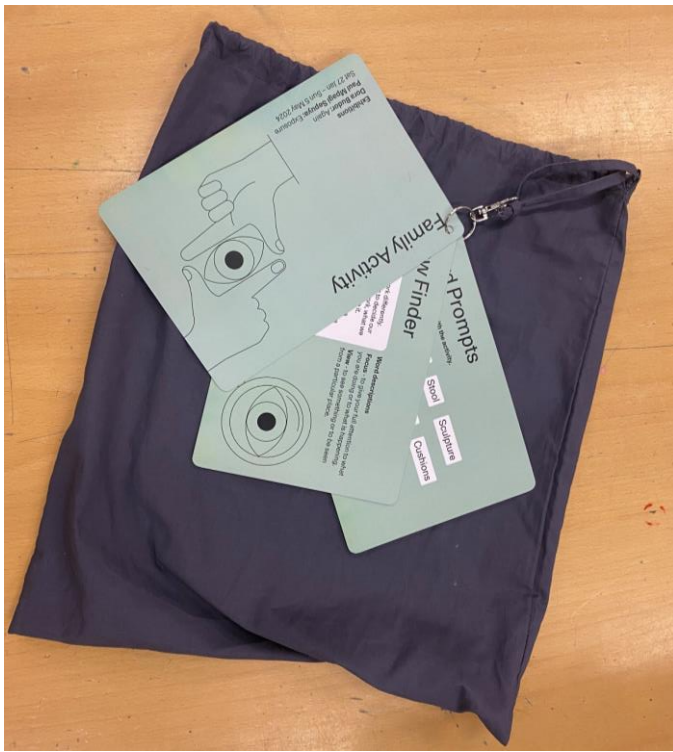
Having played with our hands to make frames, we can now use the objects in the bag to look at the artwork.

1. Take a viewfinder and look at the artwork, repeat with the different shaped frames and different art works.
2. Using the other materials, block out part of the frame by attaching the materials, in turn to the back of the viewfinders.
3. Part of your view should be hidden, changed colour, or be a reflection.
4. Find artworks with your viewfinder using the seek and search words.
5. If you have a camera, take photographs of what you can see through your viewfinder.

Contents



- 1 x Set of **View Finder** instructions
- 1 x Blue drawstring bag
- 5 x Calico small (pencil case) zipped bags
- 5 x Wooden view finders with handles
- Various velcro card shapes with different dividers



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Each calico zippered bag (x 5):
1 x Wooden view finder with handle
Various velcro card shapes with different dividers