

TOOLKIT #4

SHONIBARE'S TEXTILES

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Art Builders is about inspiring and supporting schools to programme art activity, giving all young children and teaching staff an opportunity to get involved in the arts and be creative. Whether daily art lessons, art weeks or big art days, we believe that creativity should be a valued part of education system. Art Builders champions art experiences for every child, every academic year.

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ABOUT THIS TOOLKIT



Art Builders At Home is a free art project for primary-aged pupils. Animate Arts has secured funding from Arts Council England to create six extraordinary, creative 'Art Builder Toolkits' which have been made by professional artists, about world-class artists, for Key Stage 1 and 2 children. These Toolkits offer practical activities to do using low-cost, easy-to-find materials, so participants can take part at home or in the classroom. By completing any of these toolkits, makers will create amazing, unique artworks that can be shared with classmates, teachers, friends and family!

If you are using these Toolkits before 31 July 2020, you can submit your art works to Animate Arts Company. We will then feature your artwork in an amazing 360° virtual reality film. This exhibition to see your art work will be available to watch from September 2020.

All Toolkits are suitable for Arts Award At Home accreditation. For further information and logbooks, go to our resource page on www.artbuilders.co.uk



ART BUILDERS IS CREATED BY ANIMATE ARTS COMPANY.

Animate Arts Company is a national award-winning team of professional artists and makers who make high-quality participatory art projects, particularly in schools and community settings. We work creatively with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds through workshops, events, training and cultural programmes. Animate Arts is a charitable organisation and you can find out more about their work on www.animateartscompany.com

WANT TO BE A 360° ARTIST?



ABOUT TIM

Where?

Maidstone, Kent

What do you do?

Photographer and filmmaker

About Tim:

I like growing things and drinking tea - so much so that I've started growing tea. It doesn't taste very good yet though! I also like food, and can usually remember what I was eating more than what I was doing.

FUN FACT

I have 5 cameras (at least!),
4 chickens, 3 girls, 2 cats,
1 lovely wife and no llamas.

This is Tim. He makes 360° films using a special camera and computer. He loves art work created by Art Builders and wants you to help him make his next film. It will be called **The Art Builders' Gallery.**

YOUR MISSION



This is your special creative mission. We want you to create artwork to feature on this 360° virtual film – Isn't that cool? In every Art Builders Toolkit, look for this symbol  Complete the activity then send your artwork to Tim before 31 July 2020. Your work could be included in the amazing 360° virtual reality film! This film, with your artwork, will be premiered to the world via YouTube in September 2020.

Tim made this film with 200 Art Builder Kids, teachers and artists. They built a moon, only from paper. It was the size of a big hall! Watch this film and you can look around the moon!



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After completing your Shonibare's textiles activity with Nova, post your art works to Tim before 31 July 2020 to:

Send to:

ART BUILDERS HQ, C/o Animate Art Company, Alexander
Centre, 17 Preston Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8NZ



ABOUT ME

Name? Nova Marshall

Where? Margate

What do you do? I am a visual artist who LOVES working with children and young people to make large art installations.

About Nova: I love bright colours, making people laugh, talking and trying new things. I think it's very important that we are kind to each other. I really don't like it when people are mean.

About installations: The largest art installation in the world is in the city of Niigata, Japan. It is called Echigo-Tsumaria Art Triennale. Artists Installations are scattered across 200 small villages, covering 300m²!



FUN FACT

I love collecting fabrics, headscarves and sketchbooks!

MY SELECTED ARTIST

Name? Yinka Shonibare MBE

Where? He was born in the UK but grew up in Nigeria in West Africa from the age of 3. He moved back to London aged 17

When? He is a living artist, born on 9 August 1962

Type of artist/art form: An artist who works in a range of art forms including painting, sculpture, photography and filmmaking

About: Shonibare's work explores race, class and cultural identity. He wants to find out who we are and what makes us unique. He often uses brightly coloured batik fabric to create sculptures, installations and paintings. This fabric is seen as a symbol of Africa, but actually it has patterns on it from Indonesia (in Asia), and was made in Holland (in Europe) before arriving in West Africa! Shonibare transforms this African wax fabric into clothing, sculptures and paintings.



Double Dutch, 1994
by Yinka Shonibare MBE
www.yinkashonibare.com

FUN FACT

The Queen gave Shonibare a special award called an MBE for his contribution to the arts.



Let's make our own brightly coloured artwork inspired by Shonibare's 'Double Dutch' wax printed installation.

ACTIVITY OUTLINE

Inspired by Shonibare's interest in the colourful African wax prints, we are going to make our own beautiful prints to recreate his 'Double Dutch' art installation. Your colourful prints will be inspired by the place in which you live and work. You can see your artwork displayed in this collaborative art installation exhibited in our 360° Art Gallery.

HOW TO

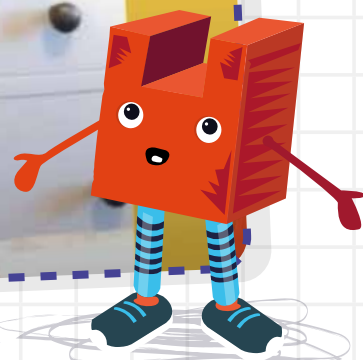
THINGS YOU WILL NEED

- A4 heavy paper for painting
- Paper for drawing
- Acrylic paints & brushes (plus palette/mixing pots & water)
- Pencil
- Candles (or white wax crayon/oil pastel)
- Cotton fabric (you can use a plain, old pillowcase, t-shirt or tea-towel)
- Craft glue (ideally in a squeeze bottle)
- Bowl of warm water
- Plastic mat/cardboard

PRESS PLAY
TO VIEW

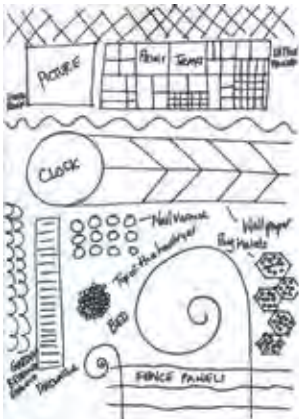


WATCH HOW NOVA CREATES HER ARTWORK
WORKSHOPS ON [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com)



INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1.



THE DESIGN

First, we are going to explore patterns in our home or school.

- Take a short walk around your surroundings and look for patterns.
- On some paper with a pencil, draw all the different patterns you can see. Keep it simple - the simpler the better for this activity.
- Look at all the patterns you have collected.
- On another piece of paper, re-draw your best pattern(s) as a final design that fits the whole page.

STEP 2.



THE IMPORTANT PRACTICE

Let's experiment with wax and our design on paper.

- On a heavy paper, draw your final design using a candle like a pencil.

This can be really tricky as you won't be able to see the wax on the paper. So carefully start from the top of the page and work down, making sure that you press hard on to the paper. And don't worry - you don't need to precise!

- When complete, choose 4 colours of paint. Colour-in the whole paper with some watery paint.

STEP 3.



MAKE THE FINAL PIECE (PART I)

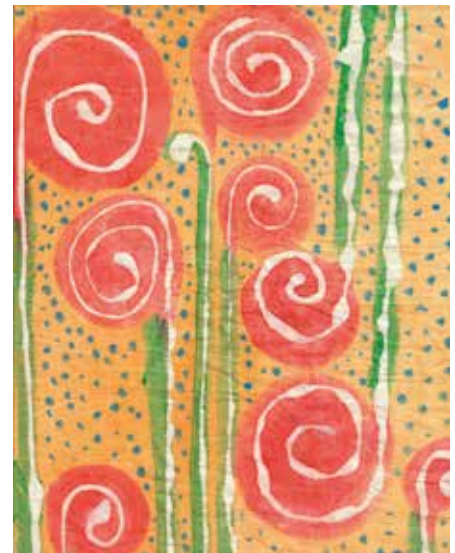
- Place a piece of cotton fabric on a flat piece of card or mat.
- Draw your design on to the fabric using a squeeze bottle of craft glue.
- Once you have put on the glue, check for any gaps along the lines. If there is a gap, use a pencil or the end of a brush to join-up the glue.
- Leave to one side and allow to dry for around 12 hours.

STEP 4.

MAKE THE FINAL PIECE (PART II)

- Before you start, make sure the glue is completely dry.
- Place a piece of card under your fabric.
- Paint the fabric. Mix the paint with a little bit of water. You can always add more colour, if needed.
- Leave to dry.

STEP 5.



MAKE THE FINAL PIECE (PART III)

- Put some warm water in a bowl and soak your fabric.
- With a little force, rub and pick off the glue. It should remove easily. If it doesn't soak it in the water, and try again.
- Once all the glue has been removed, wring out any excess water and lay-out to dry.
- Once dry, you can iron on a low heat. (Get an adult to help you!)
- This is your own African wax print inspired by Shonibare.

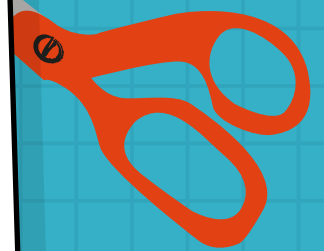
DOUBLE DUTCH

PRESS PLAY
TO VIEW



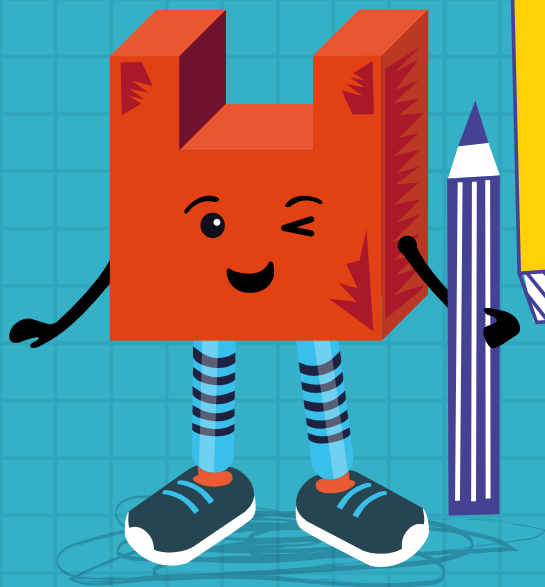
Did you know Double Dutch is a game in which two long jump ropes turning in opposite directions are jumped by one or more players jumping simultaneously. It is believed to have started among Dutch immigrants in New York City, and is now popular worldwide.

Try it out with your friends – a great socially distanced game!



KUDODA

There's a few variations of this game, all which need at least three players to make it fun. In Kudoda, players sit in a circle around a wooden or metal bowl filled with 20 to 30 small stones or marbles. The first player picks up one of the stones and throws it up in the air. It's all about quick fingers. Before it drops down, the player tries to pick up as many other stones in the bowl as he/she can. Once all players have had a chance, the stones are counted and the one who collects the most is the winner.



KEEP EXPLORING YINKA SHONIBARE'S WORK

What is your favourite Shonibare art work?
<http://yinkashonibare.com/home/>

What is Shonibare's 'Line Painting' about?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/art-and-design-ks2-yinka-shonibares-line-painting/zhkskmn>

WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY?



LINE PAINTING, 2003 BY
YINKA SHONIBARE MBE
WWW.YINKASHONIBARE.COM

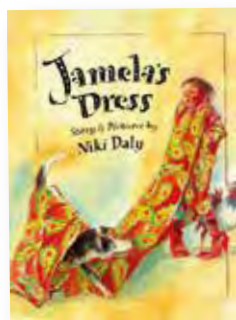
SHONIBARE'S BOOK SHELF



THE AFRICAN LIBRARY, 2018
WWW.YINKASHONIBARE.COM

Why not use your practice wax drawing to make a brand-new cover for your favourite book?

See if you can find these books in your library or local bookshop... perfect reading for Shonibare inspired-artists.

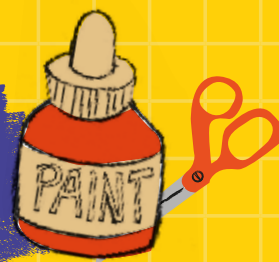


Jamela's Dress by Niki Daly
Read about a girl who gets in trouble when she takes the material intended for a new dress for Mama, parades it in the street, and allows it to become dirty and torn. But there is a happy ending in store for "Kwela Jamela African Queen", and just in time.



The Colour of Home by Mary Hoffman
Hassan feels out of place in a cold, grey country so different from his colourful Somalian home, which he was forced to leave because of war. But gradually things change... and he sees the new colours of home.

By completing the Toolkits on the Art Builders At Home project, and exhibiting your art work on the 360° virtual reality film, young artists can qualify for Arts Award Discover award.



WHAT IS ARTS AWARD DISCOVER?

Arts Award Discover is an introduction to Arts Award, a set of awards for children and young people that gets them involved in and excited about the arts and culture and celebrates their artistic achievements. Arts Award aims to improve confidence and communication skills, as well as developing arts skills and knowledge.

To gain their Arts Award, young people create an arts log by collecting evidence of what they have done and reflecting on their experiences. This can be created in any form, from a scrapbook to a set of online files.

When they have finished Arts Award Discover children get a certificate from the international awarding organisation.



HOW?

As children complete the practical art activities in these toolkits, they will need to record what they have done, showing that they have completed all three parts of Discover which are:

PART A: Taking part in arts activity

PART B: Finding out about an artist

PART C: Share your artwork

It can be evidenced in any format you like, from photos to writing to drawing. If you prefer, you can use the free, downloadable Art Builders Logbook to record all three parts. It is available from www.artbuilders.co.uk/resources

Once your child has completed all three parts of Discover at Home, for a small fee (£4 at time of writing) you can submit their work to Art Builders HQ (Animate Arts Company) who will arrange their certificate.

Schools who would like their Art Builders pupils to work towards an Arts Award Discover can also do so. Certificates can also be arranged through Art Builders HQ (Animate Arts Company). Please get in touch to discuss.

For more details about Arts Award Discover At Home, you can read details here: <https://learn.artsaward.org.uk/discover-at-home>. The Art Builders Logbook can be downloaded from www.artbuilders.co.uk/resources





OUR TOOLKITS

Toolkit #1 – Kojima's Papercutters

Toolkit #2 – Cornell's Boxes

Toolkit #3 – Gormley's Army

Toolkit #4 – Shonibare's Textiles

Toolkit #5 – Wiley & Sherald's Miniatures

Toolkit #6 – 360° Sound Artists

