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At the top of the page for each project you will find this handy key. It will tell you the difficulty level to expect from each project:

**Quick creative fix** - These projects are quick, easy and perfect for a beginner.

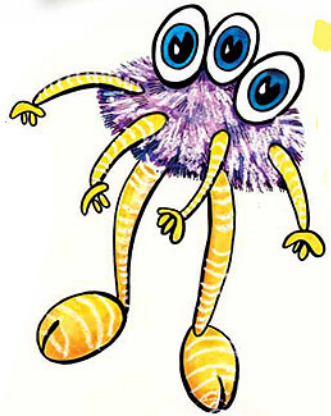
**Sharpen your skills** - Confident with your beginner skills? Move onto these slightly tougher projects.

**Ready for a challenge** - for a challenging project you can really get stuck into.

**Creative masterpiece** - Think you can tackle the toughest textile projects? Have a go at these.

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**Note to Adults:**
Some children might be able to do some or all of these projects on their own, while others might need more help. These projects are things that you can do together, not only to avoid any problems or accidents, but also to share in the art-making fun. Adults can have just as much fun learning these techniques and making these projects as kids.



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# PICASSO SELF PORTRAIT

**Picasso created weird and wonderful portraits. Here's how to make your own!**

### YOU WILL NEED:

- Tracing paper
- HB pencil
- Photographs of yourself
- Cartridge paper
- Acrylic paints
- Palette
- Paintbrush

**1** On tracing paper, draw a face-on portrait of yourself in pencil. Trace over a photograph of yourself or use a mirror.





**2** On another piece of tracing paper, draw another portrait of yourself at the same size- this time from a profile view.



**3** Draw a third portrait of yourself on another sheet of tracing paper at the same size- this time from a three-quarter turned view.





**4** Take all three of your portraits and layer them one on top of the other. Through the tracing paper, you should be able to see all three drawings. Line them up so your head is in the same place in each one.



**5** On a piece of cartridge paper, redraw your lines, picking out the different features to make a 'muddled' portrait. Thicken the lines you want to stand out.



**6** Dummy text Dummy text Dummy text Dummy text Dummy text Dummy text Dummy text

Use acrylic paints to colour your portrait. The colours can be as strange as the portrait itself!



# COLOUR WHEEL RUBBING

Decorate a picture frame with stamps you can make and change yourself!

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- A variety of leaves
- Sheet of thin paper
- Coloured pencils
- Watercolour paints
- Paintbrush

1 Collect some leaves from your garden or local park. Make sure they are different sizes and have some interesting patterns and textures.





2 Place your leaves under a sheet of thin paper, and practive making rubbing of them if different colours, using colouring pencils.



3 To make your final colour wheel, arrange six similar-sized leafs in a fanned circle. Run over these, in the colours of the colour wheel. These colours are: red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple.



4 Using the watercolour paints and a paintbrush, practice blending out the six colours, so they go from bold to fait. Use more paint to make the colours bold and more water to make them fainer.



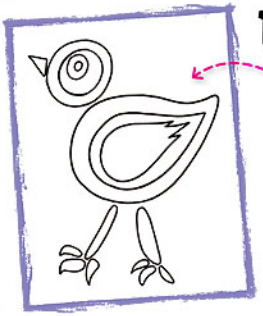
5 Finish your colour wheel by applying this painting technique around your leaf circle. Blend the different colours together when they meet to make new shades and tones.

# EASTER CHICK GIFTCARD

Combine painting and collage to make a bold design for a gifcard

**YOU WILL NEED:**

- Piece of cardboard
- HB pencil
- Acrylic paints
- Palette
- Paintbrush
- Scissors
- Thick A4 paper or cardboard, folded in half
- Glue



**1** On a piece of cardboard, draw an Easter chick design using simple shapes. Make sure your design will fit on an A5 piece of paper.



Yellow acrylic, with gold metallic paint dabbed over the surface using a small strip of card



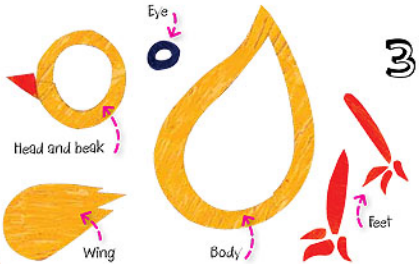
Orange and yellow acrylic mixed together to make a bold orange

A dark violet for adding strong details

Violet and white acrylic to make a pale purple



**2** On a separate piece of card, experiment with different colours of paint to decide how to colour your chick design.




**3** Choose your favourite paint colours to paint the shapes of your chick. Once the paint is dry, cut these pieces out with scissors.

You can make painted collage giftcards for any occassion! How about this scary pumpkin design?



**4** Assemble your pieces on your folded A4 thick card or paper. You can also add a background and a border decoration. Glue these pieces into place.

