

# AAC at home

## Contemporary still life

In Afternoon Art Club, we get children making art.

Be introduced to the still life genre in a way the whole family can be involved.

You will need:

- Household items
- Drawing materials
- Light or torch
- Paper

### Activity 1– set up your still life

1. Find three items in your home
2. Set up a still life arrangement with your three items on a table or surface
3. Use a lamp, torch or natural light to create interesting shadows on your arrangement



This is Patrick.  
He thinks he's  
an artist too...



### Activity 2– warm up sketching

1. Set a timer and create 5 x 20 sec drawings
2. Use your non dominant hand to sketch your arrangement
3. Create a continuous line drawing by keeping your pencil/pen on the paper
4. Create a blind drawing by looking directly at your still life only– no peeking at your drawing! You can tack paper onto the top of your pencil so you can't cheat

### Activity 3– create a masterpiece

1. Use art making materials of your choice to create a work of art based on your still life arrangement. Depending on what you have available you could draw, paint, collage or use a combination of all three in your work.
2. Take time to pay attention to little details like shadows and patterns



### Extension activities

1. Use a camera or mobile device to take a series of photos of your still life arrangement. Move around the still life and move the items to create new arrangements. You could explore your image further by adjusting settings in an editing software program
2. Use a stop motion animation app like 'Stop Motion Studio' to animate your still life arrangement
3. Use tape and blue tack to build a sculpture or assemblage from your still life items. You may need to introduce more items to make a large or complicated work of art

Well done on your finished masterpiece!

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