



Take It Outside Creative KS2

Stick Frames

Introduction

Learn to love your outdoor space by framing artwork and photographs of your favourite scenes. Get your creative juices flowing by using different media to capture snapshots of your outdoor environment. Then, frame them with sticks and display in your very own art gallery.



You will need:

- **For your artwork:** art materials (watercolours, pastels, paper, sketchbook), camera or tablet
- **For your picture frame:** sticks, string, some interesting fallen objects from your favourite place

Key Questions

- Which view have you chosen? Why?
- How have you used your chosen media? What effect does it have?
- How will you hold your stick frame together?
- Will you decorate your stick frame? How?

What to do:

1. Explore your school grounds and visit your favourite places.
2. Talk about how you feel outside and why you like those particular spaces.
3. Take time to find a comfortable spot, then look and listen. What can you see? What can you hear?
4. Use your sketchbook to collect ideas for drawing. Try to choose interesting angles and viewpoints. Once you have a drawing idea, choose the media you'd like to use. Watercolour paints can be used for a gentle, calm picture and pastels could create a vibrant, lively picture. Can you talk about the effect you want to create?
5. Allow time to draw your favourite view of the school grounds. Alternatively, you could photograph the view. Can you capture an interesting angle? Ask a friend to guess where your picture was taken.



6. Now for the stick frame! Collect four sticks of roughly equal size. Check that they are long enough to frame your artwork. Arrange them in a square. At each corner, wind a length of string tightly around the sticks to secure the join.
7. Once the frame is tied securely at each corner, you could decorate it with extra string or coloured wool by wrapping it around the length of each side. You might find natural treasure on the floor around you. Tie leaves and pine cones to the frame as an extra touch.
8. Finally, frame your artwork with your stupendous stick frame and create an outdoor art gallery that your friends can enjoy. You could even invite parents to visit after school!

Ways to Support

Some children may need help with fine motor skills. Focus on one or two aspects to draw rather than the whole view, which could be confusing.

Ways to Extend

Divide the sketchbook page into four sections to encourage children to look closely at each part of the view and add detail.

Curriculum Links

Art: Create sketchbooks to record observations & use them to review & revisit ideas; improve mastery of art & design techniques, including drawing, sculpture & painting with a range of materials.