



# Ikon Activity Pack KS1

This pack includes practical activities inspired by our current exhibition by Krištof Kintera. Recommended for ages 5-7.

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# Krištof Kintera, *THE END OF FUN!*

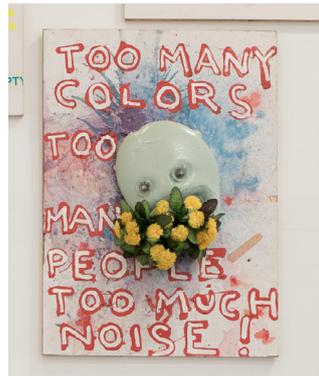
Czech artist Krištof Kintera (b. 1973, Prague) is known internationally for his kinetic sculptures exploring environmental issues, consumerism and waste. Throughout this exhibition Kintera recycles technologies – transistors, circuits, electrical cables and lights – in order to present a vision of the world we live in.



Krištof Kintera, *Nervous Trees* (2013 - 17)



Krištof Kintera, *Evolution Revision* (2015)



Krištof Kintera, *Drawings* (2007 - 20)



*Postnaturalia* (2016 - 17)

## Key words and themes

Kinetic, environment, figurative

## Method

Sculpture, installation, drawing, film

## Materials

Scrap, technology, paint, lights, wires, household objects

## Related Artists

Jean Tinguely, Nam June Paik, Anselm Kiefer, David Shrigley

## Look at the images of Krištof Kintera's work in this pack

## Prompts for discussion

Kintera reuses objects that have been thrown away. What objects do you recognise in his artworks e.g. lights, cables, circuit boards? Where do you think he finds these objects and why does he recycle them in making art?

How does the artist sculpt figures out of objects? Is it clear what type of figures he creates e.g. plants, animal, human? Discuss what you need to make a living form e.g. limb, body, head, eyes.

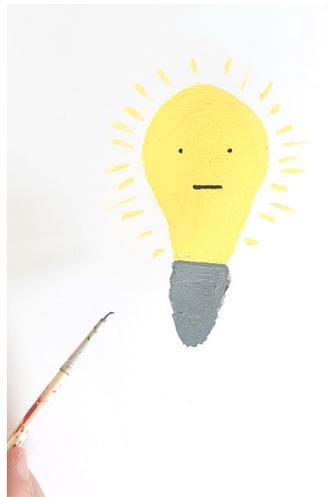
Kintera creates installations that look like miniature cities. Installation art is a term used to describe large-scale, three-dimensional works that are often specific to a particular place. What can we do to take care of our urban environments? Discuss environmental actions such as turning off lights, throwing away our rubbish and recycling.

# Environmental posters

Krištof Kintera's artworks communicate an environmental message. Try painting a character with a message about protecting the environment.

**You will need:** Paper, paint and paint brushes.

1. Decide what your environment poster will say e.g. 'save electricity', 'recycle plastic', 'save our planet', 'plant trees'.
2. Paint a picture of an object to match the words e.g. a lightbulb, a plastic bottle, planet earth, a tree.
3. Paint a face on your object to create a character. Paint your message above or below.



# Collage city

Krištof Kintera recycles obsolete or discarded technology to create cityscapes. Using photographs of household items, make a collage of a futuristic city.

**You will need:** A4 paper, coloured pencils, glue, scissors, recycled newspapers and magazines.

1. Draw a road down the middle of the page.
2. Stick images of recycled objects either side of the road.
3. Finish the future city by drawing a sky using coloured pencils.



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