



# Ikon Activity Pack

## KS1

Ikon's activity packs are designed for creative learning at school or home. Inspired by Ikon's exhibition *Faster Than Ever* (4 December 2020 – 2 May 2021), the packs include links to artists' films you can watch online. Created by Birmingham artist [Farwa Moledina](#), they include questions for thinking and talking about art in relation to other subjects, including global cultures and environments. Share your creations with [learning@ikon-gallery.org](mailto:learning@ikon-gallery.org) or via social media #ikongallery.

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# Kate Groobey - *Give Me What I Want* (2018)

## About the artist

British artist Kate Groobey (b.1979) is a painter and performance artist working in France and England. She makes colourful paintings and performance videos of women in landscapes. In *Give Me What I Want* (2018) the artist has painted herself to look like an animated character whilst dancing to a homemade soundtrack.



Kate Groobey, *Give Me What I Want* (2018)



Kate Groobey, *Pure Pleasure* (2018)



Kate Groobey, *Places Unknown* (2018)

## Key words and themes

Movement, dancing, figure, landscape

## Method

Painting, performance, installation, film

## Materials

Paint, costume, drawing, paper, props, music

## Related Artists

Yayoi Kusama, Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Nancy Spero

Look at the images of Kate Groobey's work in this pack and watch [Give Me What I Want \(2018\)](#)

## Ideas for discussion

Performance art is an artwork created through actions. What actions does the artist use in *Give Me What I Want* (2018)? Why do you think she is dancing? Does she look like she's having fun? Describe how she has dressed up as different characters.

Describe the different landscapes she has painted.e.g. seaside, desert. What landscape would you paint? Can you name the different fruits she is holding? What materials do you think she uses to make her props?

Kate Groobey uses sound in her performance art. How does the sound make you feel? What instruments do you think she used? E.g. drums.

# Creative Activities

## Paper Masks

Kate Groobey uses costumes and masks to transform herself into characters. Paint a mask to give yourself a different character.

**You will need:** Thick paper / card, pencil, paint and paintbrushes, scissors, stick, tape

1. Decide what expression and special features your mask will have. Will it be happy? Will it be wearing glasses? Will it have curly hair?
2. Draw a circle about the same size as your face. Add the expression and features.
3. Add colour to your mask using paint.
4. Ask an adult to cut out holes for your eyes.
5. Tape a stick to the bottom of your mask so you can hold it in front of your face.



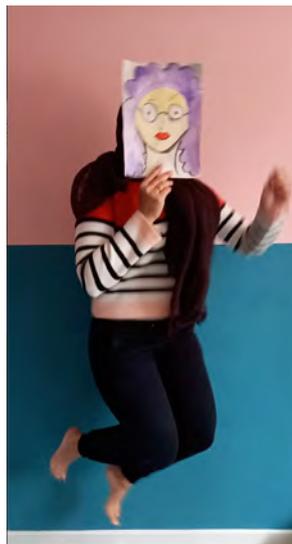
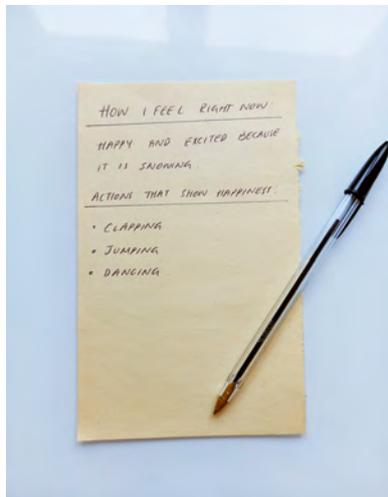
# Performance actions

Kate Groobey makes performance art through different actions. She adds music to her performance and films it.

**You will need:** Paper, pencils

1. Write down different actions you would do to make a performance e.g. jumping, kicking.
2. Choose some music to go with your performance or find an instrument to make your own music.
3. Hold your mask in front of your face and perform in front of a person / camera.

You have now made your own performance!



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