

# Ikon Activity Pack

## KS1

Ikon's activity packs are designed for creative learning at school or home. Inspired by Ikon's exhibition *A Very Special Place: Ikon in the 1990s*.

Created by Birmingham artist De'Anne Crooks, they include questions for thinking and talking about art in relation to other subjects, including global cultures and environments.

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# Permindar Kaur

Permindar Kaur is a sculpture and installation artist. Kaur makes art that is playful and uses childlike objects to express ideas about culture, identity, home and belonging. The artist uses everyday items such as furniture (beds, cots and chairs) and toys (soft, brightly coloured figures, trucks and animal forms) to represent innocence, childhood and play.

**Key words and themes:** Identity, culture, childhood, belonging.

**Method:** Sculpture, installation.

**Materials:** Everyday objects (furniture, toys), copper, fabric.

**Related Artists:** Eddie Chambers, Mike Kelley, Karel Appel.



Permindar Kaur, *Cold Comfort* (1996)



**Permindar Kaur makes artworks that look like little toys and teddies.**

Look at *Falling* (1995) and describe the figures on the wall.

What objects would you make?

Why do you think the artist has used these colours?

What do these colours make you think of?

What material do you think these objects are made from?

**The artist makes objects that create memories of home.**

What objects remind you of home (e.g a teddy bear or your favourite cup)?

Do you remember how you got these objects?



*Falling* (1995)

# Potato printing

In *Falling* (1995), the artist has assembled lots of objects in a pattern on the wall. Using a potato stamp, create a pattern of your own. Use two colours like the artist.

**You will need:** 2 potatoes, a knife, paper towel, paper, acrylic paint, a paintbrush, a paint palette.

1. Cut a potato in half.



2. Using the knife, carve out the shape of one of the objects used in activity 1. Use a paper towel to dry off any water.



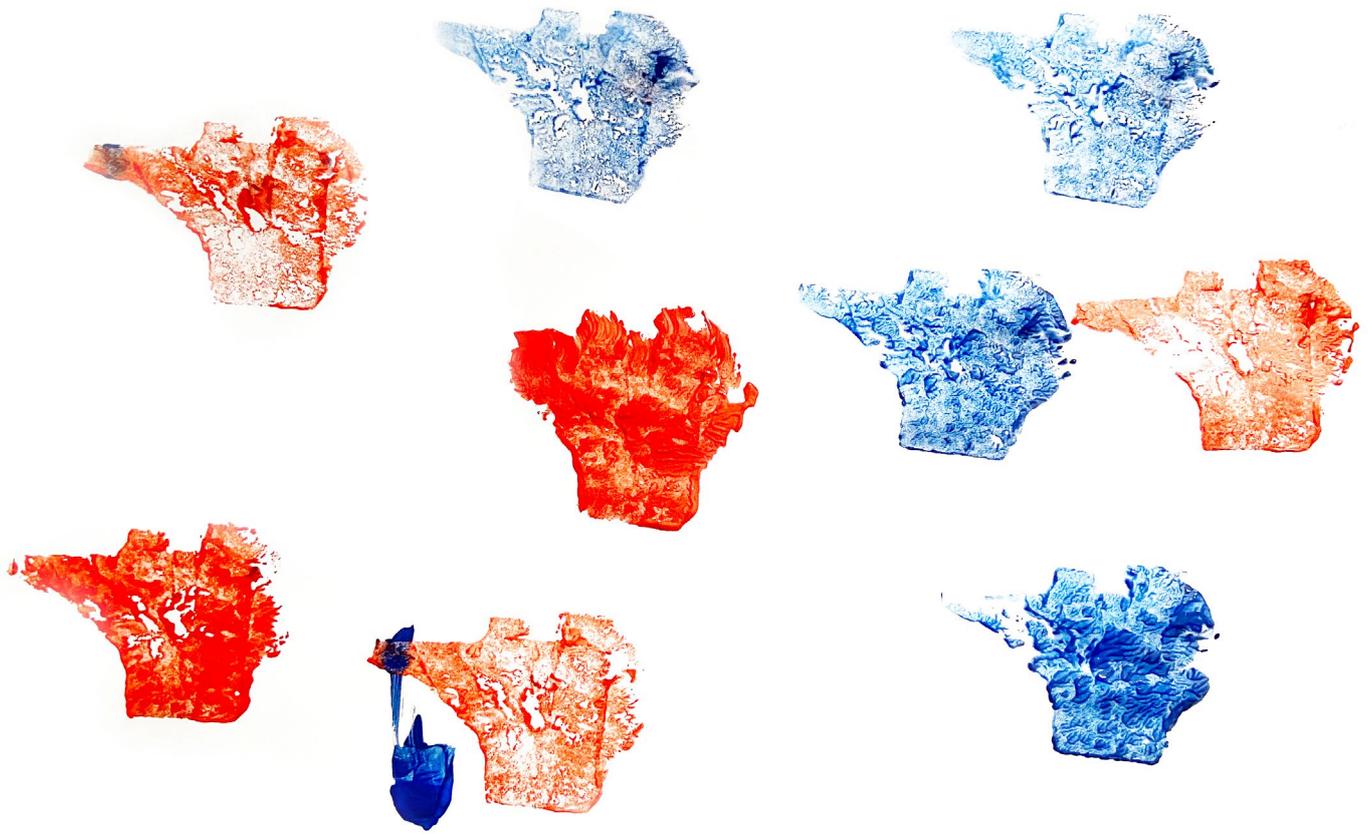
3. Using your paint brush, paint and paint palette, gently brush paint onto your carved-out stamp area.



4. Press your potato stamp on to the sheet of paper.



5. Repeat as many times as you like.



# Sofa sculpture

Permindar Kaur makes sculptures of items that create memories of home. Collect some objects that remind you of home and make a new sculpture.

**You will need:** String or rope, some objects (e.g. cushions, soft toys), smartphone or tablet camera.

1. Collect 5 objects.



2. Using the string or rope, tie the objects together to make a sculpture .



3. Present your sculptures on a table so that they stand up straight. Using the camera on a smartphone or tablet, photograph your sculptures.



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