

In Art, we will learn to:

- Sketch ideas for a still life study
- Draw from direct observation
- Identify the key features of a landscape
- Paint using different tints and shades
- Make an ephemeral sculpture

Still Life

What is a still life?

A still life is an artwork showing an arrangement of everyday objects. Paul Cézanne and Vincent van Gogh are famous still life artists.



The Basket of Apples by Paul Cézanne, 1893-1895



Vase with Fifteen Sunflowers by Vincent van Gogh, 1888

Subject matter

Still life artwork shows a selection of objects. They can be natural or man-made. Food, flowers, shells and skulls are popular natural objects. Vases, bottles, books and candles are common man-made objects.



Luis Meléndez used a selection of natural and man-made objects in this painting.

Colour

Artists choose colours carefully. They decide whether to use warm or cool colours and think about how those colours make people feel.



Paul Cézanne painted these apples in bold, warm colours.

Texture

Artists select different materials to create a range of textures. They might try to create a smooth or rough texture.



Vincent van Gogh used thick oil paint to create a rough texture.

Techniques

Artists use many techniques when planning and creating still life artworks.

Composition

Artists arrange objects in their artworks carefully. They decide which objects will go in the foreground or background of the work. They also think about the size of the objects they have chosen.



Paul Cézanne painted the apples in the foreground and the jug in the background in this painting.



Jan Brueghel the Elder painted large flowers at the top of the vase and small ones at the bottom.

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| Landscape | |
| Seascape | |
| Pattern | |
| Symmetry | |
| Tone | |

Thin lines



Thick lines



| Key vocabulary | Definitions |
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| drawing | A picture or diagram made with a pencil, pen, or crayon rather than paint. |
| still life drawing | A still life is a drawing or painting that focuses on still objects e.g. flowers, or fruits. |
| shading | Shading is showing levels of darkness. |
| grades of pencils / hardnesses | |

Find out more about Andy Goldsworthy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAmOscZR2OI>

Artists and Significant works

Andy Goldsworthy - an English artist famous for creating **sculptures** and **land art** using natural materials including leaves, wood, flowers, mud and stone.

