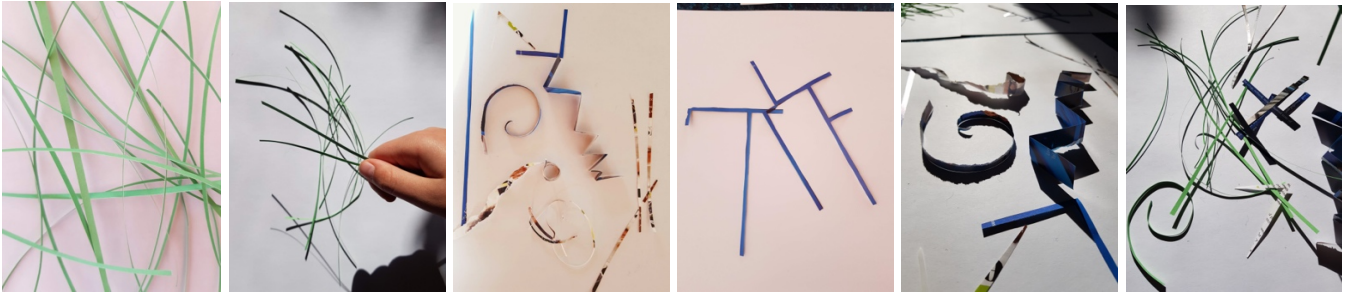


Lining Up

A creative idea from GOSH resident artist Abigail Hunt



If you look around, you will see that lots of things are made up of lines. Straight lines, wavy lines, zig zags, parallel lines, crossing over lines, thin ones, thick ones. Challenge someone else to see how many lines you can find in your room.

Try making some line drawings, patterns and collages.

Taking a Line for a Walk

Try making a drawing where you don't take your pencil off the paper – draw the view out of your window or things around your room, or something from your imagination, but don't lift your pencil off the paper until the drawing is finished. You will have created a drawing using only one single line!

Use coloured paper or pages from an old magazine to cut or tear a selection of lines. Again these could be short or long, straight or curvy...

Explore making patterns or pictures using your cut/torn line strips.

You might try dropping them all onto a blank sheet of paper to see how they fall – do they resemble anything?

Move them around to make different line images.

You could work with someone else to take turns moving the lines around. This can be a bit like having a visual conversation, line by line as you will need to respond to what each other is doing and how things change.

The line images you make might be temporary or you might want to glue them down.

If you don't stick them down, try taking photographs of the different images, patterns and compositions you create.

If you have a lamp or a light in your room, try using the lines to make shadows. You can do this during the day if you close your blinds and just use the angle of a lamp or the torch function on a mobile phone. Again try photographing the things you create.

Share images of your line creations with other family members or friends by sending them a photo, or show the GOSH staff when they next come to see you.