

# Lesson 1 - Sketchbook Making

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## Description

In this class we will be making a sketchbook. We will firstly be exploring collage and mark-making to make a sketchbook cover. You will then be shown some easy techniques for binding your sketchbook together. We will be using this sketchbook in the coming weeks for our warm-up exercises but you are free to use it in whichever way you wish!

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## **You Will Need:**

- Ruler
  - Pencil
  - Scissors
  - Glue
  - Needle
  - Thread/Yarn/String
  - Old paintbrush
  - Water
  - Ink or Paint (or both!)
  - Found materials (packing paper, cardboard, bubble wrap, bottle caps, tissue paper)
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## **Artist Inspiration:**



Henri Matisse - Paper Cut-Outs



Sara Fanelli - Collaged Illustrations

## Steps:

1. Make marks on different types of paper using found materials - dip cardboard in paint and drag it across your paper, print circles with a bottle cap, use old brushes
2. Set aside to dry
3. Fold 7 A3 sheets of paper in half ( to a4 size ) and slot inside one another
4. On the inner folded line, mark a dot at 12cm and 17cm for your binding holes
5. Use a thick sewing needle to make a hole through all 7 sheets using your dots as guides
6. Set 6 sheets of your paper to one side and lay the last one flat on the table
7. On the right half (your front cover) use the mark making paper from earlier to form an interesting collage
8. Glue your collaged materials to the a3 paper
9. Once dry, fold your cover around the rest of your sketchbook
10. Thread your needle with sturdy thread, yarn or string - do not knot
11. With your pages together and holes aligned, push your needle through the first hole, through all of your pages and out through the cover
12. Be careful not to pull the string completely through, leave enough to tie a knot on the inside
13. Thread back through the second hole and into the inside of your sketchbook
14. Thread through the first hole and back through the second again to make extra secure
15. Tie the ends of the string together on the inside of your sketchbook, pulling the thread tight
16. **For an easier alternative:** use a rubber band around the pages **or** wrap yarn around the spine and tie a secure knot on the outside of your sketchbook.