

drawing and making

Most art groups that visit the Pitt Rivers come to draw and expect to leave with a selection of high-quality studies for future reference. This section looks at a range of materials and techniques that can be used in the Museum. It is designed to help students explore the varied and exciting ways of recording through drawing and making.



What, no charcoal?

The materials that can be used in the Museum are limited to ensure the safety of the collections, but there are still many approaches that artists can utilise. Not all rely on pencils and paper.

Consider bringing some of these materials:

- Pencils (very soft to very hard) •
- Coloured pencils (including white) .
- Fine-liner pens •
- Biros
- Coloured paper and card (including black)
- Tissue paper .
- Collage materials (fabric, pipe cleaners, string, etc.) .
- Scissors •
- Glue sticks (water-based)
- Staplers

On the following pages there are examples of how these mixed media have been used to record objects in the Museum.







Head ornament of macaw feathers, Achuar, Peru

coloured pencil + fine liner



Throwing knife, Democratic Republic of Congo





Barkcloth, (top row from left to right) Hawaii, Nicaragua, Taveuni Island, Fiji

white pencil on black paper

HB pencil







collage t coloured pencil













Mask, Papua New Guinea

soft pencil









biro 30 collage





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