

Make your Mark

The National Gallery of Ireland - Workshop led by artist Edel Campbell

Mark-making is a fun sensory and physical experience that can be enjoyed by children of all ages and abilities

Mark-making can also help develop many important early learning skills including writing, mathematical representation and creative expression.

In this workshop we will look at the way artists use mark-making to create exciting drawings and paintings. Taking Roderic O'Connor's painting "The Farm at Lezaven" as inspiration, we will be experimenting with the many ways we can make marks using everyday items and paint. Join Edel Campbell for this hands-on activity followed by a short demonstration of how you can recreate Roderic O'Connor's painting using different types of marks.

Materials

Poster paints

Red
Blue
Yellow
White

A selection of items to make some interesting marks, for example:

Cardboard rolls from toilet paper
Short strips of cardboard (from boxes)
Old tooth brushes
Sponges cut up
Cotton bud swabs
Straws
Sticks
Bubble wrap
Wool