

Create#22// Sound Drawing by Kasia Posen

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We don't always have to draw something we can see, I like to explore other senses too. Normally we listen to sound; this activity invites us to turn what we hear into beautiful, fun and relaxing artworks.

You will need

- Clip or tape to hold paper to your board
- A few sheets of paper same size as your board (and thick enough to hold ink if using)
- An A4 or larger piece of board to clip/tape the paper to, this will give you a hard surface to lean on.
- Charcoal and/or inks, and a cloth for cleaning up
- Sticks, feathers, leaves and paintbrushes for mark making

Sound Drawing

Step 1

Think of a place that has a variety of sounds, think of a place that might have distant sounds, close sounds, loud, quite, changing, rhythmic, musical, industrial, peaceful sounds.

You might go into nature or into a town or city, to the seaside, to a harbour, to a park.

Step 2

Take your materials listed above to your place and find a spot to sit or stand.

Close your eyes and listen for 5 minutes. Pick out the different sounds that you hear.



Sound drawing examples

Step 3

Start to make marks using your different drawing tools, use different marks and different tools to represent the different sounds that you can hear. See how the Charcoal and Ink make different textures on the paper. Fill your page with your new marks. Think about how to make a mark that represents something far away or quiet, how would this mark differ from something loud and close. Think about repeating marks for rhythm. How would a mark representing birdsong differ from the sound a motorbike makes?



Marks made with foraged items like sticks, leaves and grass

When you have finished...

Enjoy the dictionary of marks you have made, you have drawn your soundscape!

Why not try another location, see how it differs

How would you draw silence.....?

How can colours represent different types of sound?

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