

EXPLORING THE ARTS

AS A PARTICIPANT AT BRIGHTON MUSEUM & ART GALLERY

Bronze Arts Award – Part A



Activity: Freak-out Fashion

BRIGHTON MUSEUM has a Fashion & Style gallery exhibiting some of our costume collection. From George IV to renegade alternative styles, there'll be something to take your fancy ... use your visit as inspiration to customise a T-shirt, bag or shoes.

Don't forget to collect a programme and take photos of your visit. Photography is welcome at Brighton Museum, no tripods though.

Rocker's
jacket



Black and
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suit by Biba
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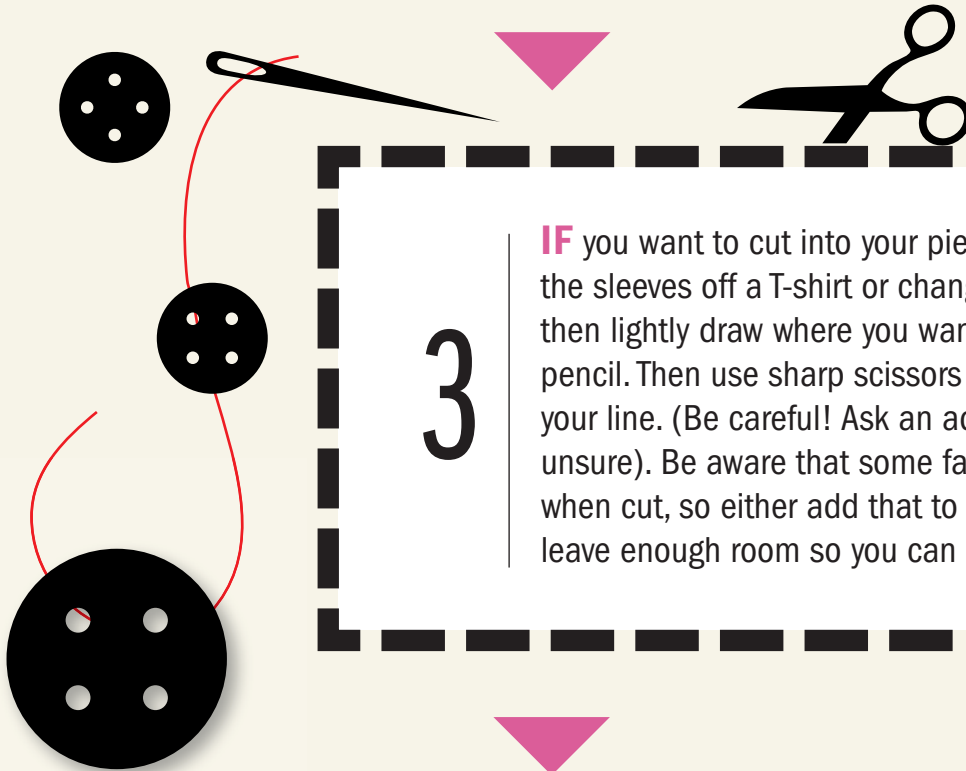
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CUSTOMISE?

A T-shirt, a canvas bag or canvas pumps? Use something old you have at home or check out charity shops or discount stores. Lighter colour fabrics work best if you want to add colour on top.

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DRAW SOME IDEAS OR MAKE NOTES ABOUT HOW YOU WANT TO CUSTOMISE YOUR PIECE. YOU COULD:

- Paint
- Cut or rip into it
- Stencil
- Use fabric pens
- Sew other fabric onto it
- Add safety pins, buttons, sequins, ribbons, glitter
- Decorate back, front or both?
- Add words, patterns, pictures



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IF you want to cut into your piece, eg take the sleeves off a T-shirt or change the neckline, then lightly draw where you want to cut in pencil. Then use sharp scissors to cut along your line. (Be careful! Ask an adult if you are unsure). Be aware that some fabrics will fray when cut, so either add that to your design or leave enough room so you can create a hem.

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IF you want to use paint or pens on your piece then put some flat newspaper inside your T-shirt or bag first. This will stop colours running through to the back. Don't put paint on too thick. You can always add another layer once it's dry if you want a deeper colour. You can paint freehand, splash paint or use a stencil.

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IF you want to sew fabrics, buttons, ribbons etc on, then think about where you want to have things (composition) and how the different bits work together (juxtaposition). You can also use fabric glue to stick on fabrics, buttons etc.



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PHOTOGRAPH

your fashion as you try different ideas (evidence for your Arts Award).

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IF you are designing on both sides of your T-shirt or bag then let one side dry completely before you start on the other.

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YOU can combine all of the above and create a cut-up splash-painted patch-covered Freak-out Fashion piece!!



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ONCE you have created your Freak-out Fashion then answer the questions on the Bronze Part A Description and Review worksheet on our RP&M Arts Award page.

MATERIALS YOU WILL NEED:

- T-shirt, canvas bag or canvas pumps
- Paper, pencil and colour pencils for designs

PLUS SOME OF THE EXTRAS FROM BELOW:

- Fabric pens
- Fabric paint – you can get many colours, including glittery, fluorescent and metallic
- Stencils (letters or shapes)
- Paint brushes
- Palettes and water pot
- Newspaper
- Scissors
- Fabric glue
- Needle, thread, pins
- Sequins, buttons, ribbon, safety pins, diamanté, glitter
- Different fabrics
- Pencil sharpener, rubber and ruler

