

Artist Led Workshops

dot-art Schools works with a wide range of artists to offer your school one-day artist-led workshops in a variety of different techniques, media and subjects. All our workshops are delivered by experienced artists with full DBS clearance and public liability insurance, and can be tailored to meet your specific requirements.

Artist	Madeleine Pires
Workshop	<i>Tremendous Trees</i>
Details	<p>Pupils will increase their understanding of what makes a good tree picture with this versatile, accessible and fun activity. They will also learn about negative space and the value of layering in painting.</p> <p>Part 1: Each child chooses two dark or bright colours of acrylic paint and uses them to sponge through a laser-cut tree stencil onto a piece of white card.</p> <p>While their paintings are drying (20 mins), each child chooses a print-out of a tree or floral scene where they have to colour in ONLY the negative space. This will help them see how surrounding space and background helps a subject stand out. More able children can draw their own shapes on a plain piece of paper and fill in the negative space.</p> <p>The final stage of the painting is completed when each child chooses their preferred colours to fill in the positive space – making their tree a springtime tree with blossom, or autumnal with orange leaves, or magical night-time, according to their artistic inclination. This will improve their abilities to notice details and to draw trees with no stencils in the future.</p> <p>Part 2: Children create their own beautiful landscape by using a three-step method.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Painting a simple background2. Drawing then painting a trunk and branches on top from photos of Japanese cherry blossom trees3. Using a sponge and brushes to dot on pink, yellow and white blossoms.



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Age Range	Year 1-6
Materials	<p>Provided by artist: Laser-cut plastic tree stencils, activity sheets, 30cm square canvasses</p> <p>Provided by school: Access to water, A4 white card for each child, sponges for painting, thick acrylic paint in various colours, plastic plates or palettes, drying rack, coloured pencils, thin paintbrushes</p> <p>This activity requires an extra TA if possible to help with stencilling (more if Year1/2) and the children should wear a painting shirt/apron.</p>
Cost	£275 (dot-art Schools Participant) / £295 (non-participant) + £2.50 per student for materials

