Let’s make a picture

Before you start explore the gallery artworks and find one you like to use as inspiration for your picture. You can do this by visiting the gallery or looking at the collection online on the gallery website.

We picked these three:

- Deux Chiens by Pierre Bonnard
- Landscape with Figures and a tilted cart by Joseph Wright
- Untitled by Humphrey Jennings

Materials

- Empty clean cereal packet
- A4 paper or card
- Paint and/or pens
- Scissors
- Sticky tape
- Toys

1. Get an empty cereal packet and carefully take it apart by unpeeling the glued seams.

2. Turn it inside out and sticky it back together so it inside out. Use tape to sticky it back together or glue.

3. Cut a rectangular hole out of one side of your box. Leave a space between the edge of your box and the rectangle so you have plenty of room to decorate. You might need an adult to help you. Top tip // if you do this carefully you can use the space card to make other bits and pieces.

4. Paint or colour the edge of your box (the bit around the rectangle) to look like a lovely old frame. You could look on the internet for ideas. Try searching using words like gilded, gold leaf, Rococo style, ornate frame.

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5. Now look at the artwork you have chosen and create your own version on your A4 card/paper using paint or pens. You could use another art material if you want like pastels or crayons.

6. If you want to create extra bits to add to your picture do this using the spare card from the rectangle you cut out.

7. When your picture and frame are dry put the picture inside the frame. You may need to trim it down a bit depending on the size of your box. You might find it stands up on its own or you might need to secure it with tape.

8. Now you can add whatever you want to bring your picture to life! If you’re happy with it the way it is that’s great. If you want to add extra things from your imagination then go for it. We added toys into ours.

Top Tip!
We didn’t want to leave the toys in the frames forever so we decided to take photos of our pictures. We then printed them out and put them in frames. A picture in a frame in a frame, all a bit surreal!

Now enjoy your Picture!

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