Play School Art Time

In this episode

Matt and the Art Crew try print making and discover a world under the sea. Starting with close observation of a Siamese Fighting Fish, through to creating watery effects with rolling pin printing – their work leads to a beautiful exhibition in the *Art Time* Gallery!

Material Suggestions

- Styrofoam sheets - ideally repurposed packaging (ask your local white goods store if they have any to spare).
- Paint and rollers in flat trays
- Paper
- Rolling pins wrapped with interesting textures; bubble wrap, rope, pipe cleaners
- Lengths of calico or other plain fabric.

Visit The National Gallery of Australia's Centre for Australian Art Australian Prints + Printmaking online. There are so many great examples to be discovered, linking to a variety of interest areas.

Let's extend

- **Under the sea hanging art:**
  1. Cut out children's prints of sea creatures, attach a piece of string and hang from old coat hangers. Add blue and green strips of fabric / wool / streamers to create a watery effect.
  2. Attach lengths of calico printed with watery patterns on an old curtain rod. Hang up high across your room. Pin printed sea creatures to the fabric for a beautiful under the sea room display.
- Find out about our unique Australian tropical fish. Discover how important it is to protect their precious environment by going on a virtual journey to the Great Barrier Reef http://attenboroughsreef.com/.
- **Create a mini underwater world:**
  Place sand in an outdoor trough, fill with water and let settle. Add a couple of drops of blue food colouring. Offer shells (sustainably purchased, not taken from the beach) and plastic sea creatures for children to assemble their own under the sea scene.

Music

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