

KOESTLER ARTS + ART AID

Hello from Koestler Arts!

Koestler Arts + Art Aid sheets suggest creative tasks that can be done in-cell. For most all you need is paper and a pencil - though if you have further materials please use them.

You can enter the 2021 Koestler Awards now!

Please complete a Koestler entry form for every entry and see our guidance notes for full terms and conditions. We've increased the maximum number of entries per person to 10 this year. Entry forms should be attached to this sheet. If not, or if you need more, please ask education, the library, or contact us at FREEPOST KOESTLER ARTS (no stamp or address needed). The deadline for submissions has been extended to Tuesday 1 June 2021.

Each month Koestler Arts are commissioning an artist/writer who has directly engaged with Koestler to set a creative task. New Art Aid sheets will be available from the first and third Monday of each month as we approach the Awards deadline.

April 2021, Issue 1

This task is set by Koestler Award winner, exhibited artist and former mentee, James.

My Story

My first experience of art since school was at HMP Peterborough with a wonderful art tutor in 2008. I was told I would never be any good at art when I was at school so I dropped it the first opportunity I got. At HMP Peterborough the tutor showed me that art is a learned skill and that with dedication and practice anyone can learn to draw.

In 2009 I was encouraged to enter the Koestler Awards and received a First-Time Entrant Award and since then I have entered nearly every year, gaining Silver Awards, being selected for the national exhibition and selling the selected works in both 2018 and 2019.

I have now been in the community 18 months and have continued my art practice with the support of Koestler Arts through their mentoring scheme. I also sell prints online and in recent months have had sales in excess of £150 per month.

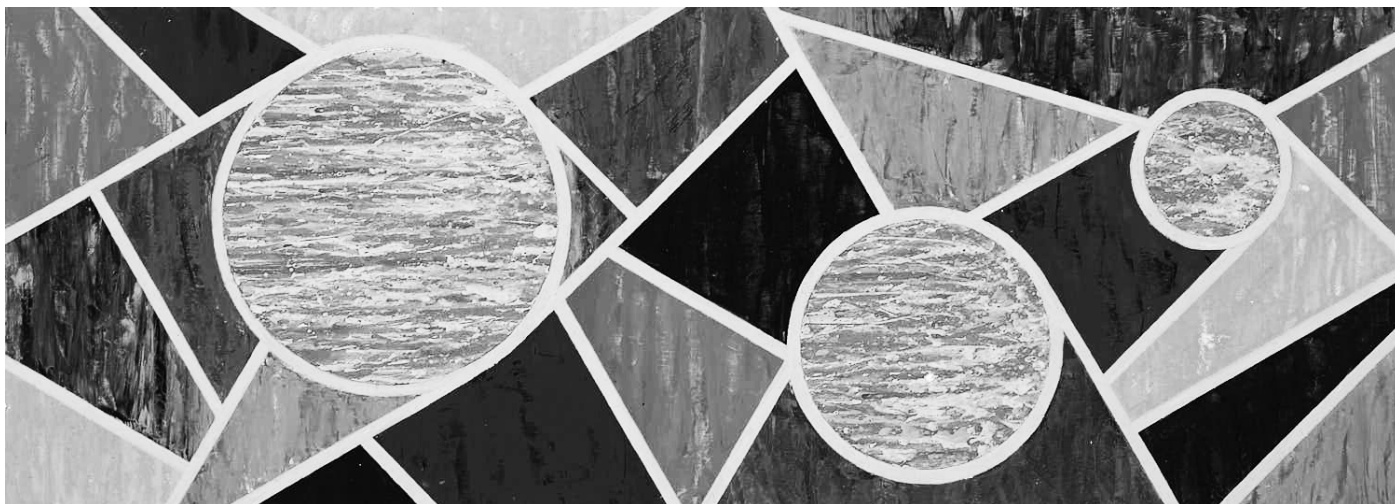
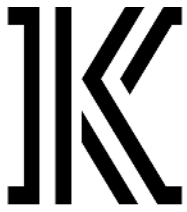


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Falling Fireballs

Norfolk and Suffolk Probation

Commended Award for Painting, 2020



My Task

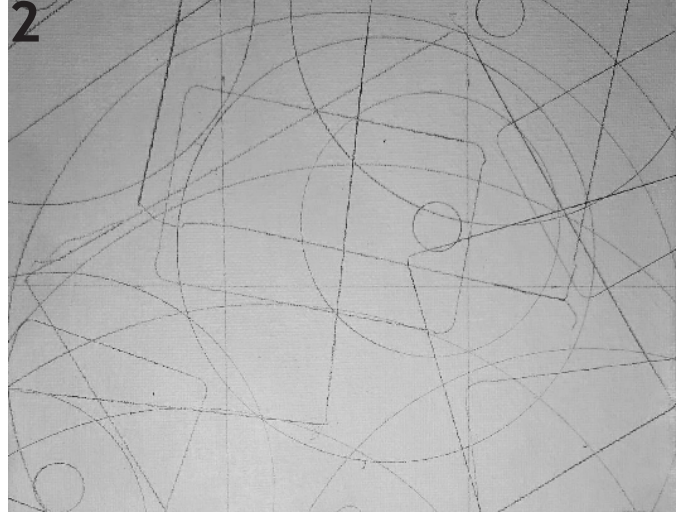
This activity needs only a pencil, sheet of paper, an eraser and a bit of imagination to create an abstract artwork, but it can also be carried out using other materials.

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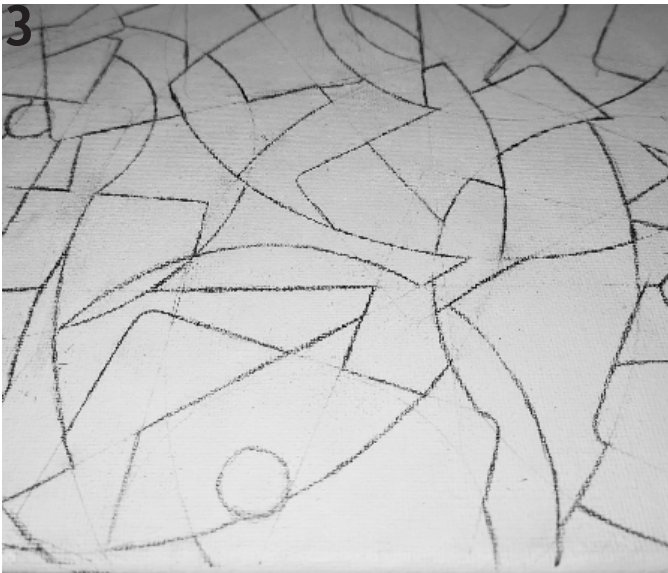
Gather together some items from your cell, this could be your plate, bowl, ID card, anything really that you can draw around.

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Draw around all or part of these objects so that the outlines overlap one another, you can use each object as many times as you like but try to create areas that are pleasing to the eye while covering the whole of the paper with overlapping shapes.

3



Take your eraser and connect some of the areas together to make interesting shapes, do this all over the paper so there are different sized and shaped areas.

If you have access to other materials this activity can be done using paint, pastels, ink, collage or a combination of these. For my piece I used an A4 canvas as the base, and gathered similar objects to those you will have in your cell to create the shapes, before painting using acrylics.

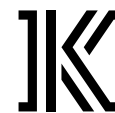
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Once you are happy that the areas you have created are interesting and look good then it's time to switch to shading (or colouring) the different shapes - try to add contrasting areas of light and dark, as well as more gentle changes in tone.

Please consider entering your finished artwork to the 2021 Koestler Awards!

KOESTLER AWARDS ENTRY FORM



Send a completed form with each entry.
Maximum 10 entries per entrant (previously 5).
2021 closing date: Tuesday 1 June.

ENTRANT (For groups – see the next page)

First name of entrant:

Last name of entrant:

Date of birth: (May be needed for processing payments)

ENTRY

Establishment: (Name of prison, hospital or probation service)

Title of entry:

Artform: (Choose one artform from the 2021 Awards Guidance)

Visual description of entry:

AUTHORISED MEMBER OF STAFF

Full name:

Job title:

Department:

Telephone number:

Email:

Office postcode: (Probation only)

For Koestler Arts staff			
K. No.	Artform	Supp. docs	No. of items

Prison or hospital number:

Signature of entrant:

Is this the first time you have entered the Awards?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Using your name: (Authorised staff must agree)

If my entry is exhibited or published, I give permission for my first name to appear alongside it. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sales of visual artwork: (Tick one choice only)

- ☐ My entry is for sale. The lowest amount I'd be willing to receive is £ (maximum £250)
- ☐ My entry is not for sale.
- ☐ I donate my entry to Koestler Arts.

Can the entrant's first name be made public?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Can the entry be sold? (Visual arts only)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Who should any cheques be payable to?

I confirm that this entry is the entrant's own original work, and approve it for entry into the Koestler Awards.

Signature of staff: (Entries can't be accepted without staff sign-off)

Date:

Unlock the talent inside

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GROUP ENTRIES ONLY — TELL US ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Name of group:

Number of people excl. staff:



First name: Last name: Date of birth: Prison or hospital number: Release date if in 2021, and home address:

Continue on a separate sheet if needed. If there are over 4 people in the group cheques will not be split.

ENTRANTS WHO ARE IN THE COMMUNITY OR DUE FOR RELEASE IN 2021

Please notify us if these details change

Date of release:

Home address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

ASSOCIATES PROGRAMME

Associates benefit from more contact with us, through the Koestler Associates newsletter.

☐ I would like to be part of the Associates Programme.

REMINDERS

Entrants agree to the terms and conditions in the Awards Guidance. These are available on our website, from your establishment, or you can write to us to request a copy.

✓ Information submitted on this form will be held on the Koestler Arts secure and confidential database.

✓ All work is handled with care, but Koestler Arts and its agents accept no liability for loss or damage to entries.

✓ Pack your work carefully. It must be under 15kg.

✓ Koestler Arts and its agents can exhibit, publish, and reproduce artworks in reasonable ways in print, online, film, audio etc to promote the charity's work. Artists retain copyright of their work.

✓ Koestler Arts can try to sell visual entries, if we have both your permission and that of the 'authorised member of staff.' Most work sells for under £100.

✓ We do not return written entries or work on CDs/DVDs. These include writing, performance, audio, film and animation entries – so please make copies.

MONITORING FOR DIVERSITY OPTIONAL

This anonymised data will not be used to judge your work. It is for research and monitoring purposes only.

Ethnic group

- ☐ Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi
- ☐ Asian/Asian British: Indian
- ☐ Asian/Asian British: Pakistani
- ☐ Any other Asian background
- ☐ Black/Black British: African
- ☐ Black/Black British: Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Black background
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Irish Traveller/Gypsy

- ☐ Mixed White & Asian
- ☐ Mixed White & Black African
- ☐ Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- ☐ Any other Mixed background
- ☐ White British
- ☐ Any other White background
- ☐ Any other group:

Formal education completed

- ☐ No formal qualifications
- ☐ Basic skills level 1
- ☐ Basic skills level 2
- ☐ GCSEs or A Levels
- ☐ Vocational training
- ☐ Degree or post-graduate
- I am:**
- ☐ Ex-armed forces personnel
- ☐ A care leaver

Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

Age

- ☐ Under 16
- ☐ 16-17
- ☐ 18
- ☐ 19-24
- ☐ 25-29
- ☐ 30-59
- ☐ 60 and over

Religion

- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ Other

Registered disabled?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No