

for ages  
11+

An arts and creativity programme for children and young people

# START... Formations

Formations have provided a source of inspiration for artists and designers throughout time.

In this session, we're going to help you look closely at the natural world and find inspiration for your own artwork.

Nature is full of great ideas.

**Q:** What is a formation?

**A:** The dictionary tells us that a formation is something that has naturally been made or arranged



formations on a leaf ↗

## 1. Record and Search



Go outside!

Put on your boots and see what you can find.

- Record any formations and patterns that you can see; use pencil and paper, or your photographic memory
- Search for natural materials; leaves, stones, berries, twigs, shells or flowers that you can use to create your own formation

### Seaside rock formations in Norfolk!

A black and white photo of East Cliff, Cromer

Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery



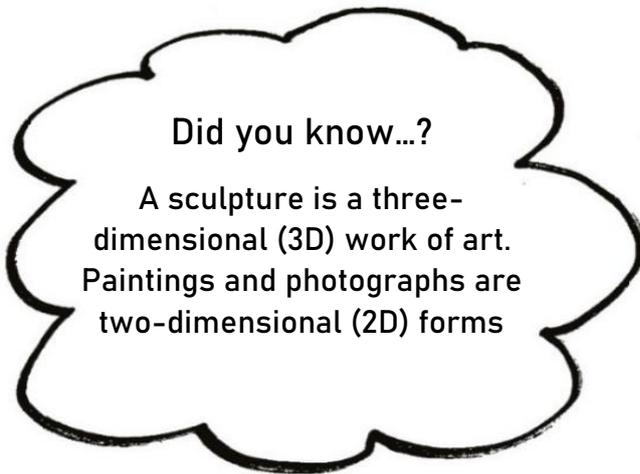


## 2. Arrange and Display

Take a look at your natural materials and think about how to arrange them in order of size, shape, colour or texture.

What formations can you create using your materials?

Eigg (2005)  
Kris Cohen



In this picture, you can see natural materials arranged into a circular formation.

## 3. Be a Sculptor

Create a 3D formation, also known as a sculpture 😊.

Attach your natural materials to any shape, large or small. Ali has attached hers to a potato. What 3D base will you choose?

Use cocktail sticks, pins or anything sticky!

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## Display and Share

Display your formation for people to see!

Place it on your window sill or create a garden gallery.

Take a picture and send it to us!

Head to the SHARE section on our website to find out how:



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