

HANGING BASKETS

This is a nice visual arts lesson to do during the summer term. It's the time of the year when pupils may see hanging baskets outside houses. This could be done as a standalone art lesson, or it could be done as part of a "Summer" or "Gardening" theme in the classroom.

1. This picture should be completed on a sheet of A3 art paper.
2. Mark a 2cm border around the edge of the paper.
3. In the lower half of the page, sketch the outline of a hanging basket (in the shape of a hemisphere), including the hanging chain.
4. Roughly draw in a blockwork pattern in the background. (The blockwork pattern may need to be explained – the blocks are arranged in "drop block" fashion i.e. the block below always starts halfway across). No need to use a ruler to do this – it'll look more natural to see it done freehand.
5. Do a crayon rubbing on a rough wall to give the wall background texture. Outline the brick lines with the same or a black colour crayon.
6. Using different colour papers, cut out and create flowers, leaves and grasses of all shapes and sizes. Arrange the leaves and flowers so that they fall out over the top edge of the basket, ensuring that they are not in a straight line. Just make sure that pupils make enough flowers to give the basket that "full" look.

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7. Only glue one corner of the flowers and leaves so that they stick out and give a 3-D effect.
8. Use different shades of green for the leaves and grasses.
9. Outline the frame using a dark-coloured crayon.

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