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February 2021 Art Docent Project – Drawing a bird inspired by Colin Self

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Colin Self – English Pop Artist (1941 -)

Colin Self is an English Pop Artist known for his artworks on the theme of cold war and politics. He has a very unique style of drawing that made him famous as ‘the best draughtsman in England’. He was also a print maker and used different art mediums like charcoal, water color, screen printing, etching on paper, collage and more. The topic of all his artworks was based on real-life situations during his time in England and during his many trips to the USA.

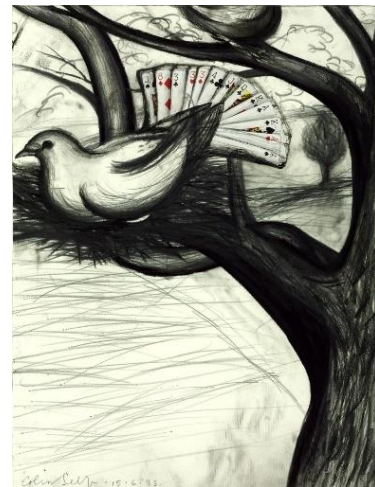
Currently his artworks are exhibited and owned as public collections by highly reputable galleries in England such as Museum of Modern Art, Tate Gallery and more. He lives in his home town Norfolk which is in Britain’s countryside. The local landscapes of Norfolk have inspired him as an artist which is reflected in his artworks.



Black Bird 1 (1970-1)



Black Bird 2 (1970-1)



Fantail Pigeon on Nest (1983)

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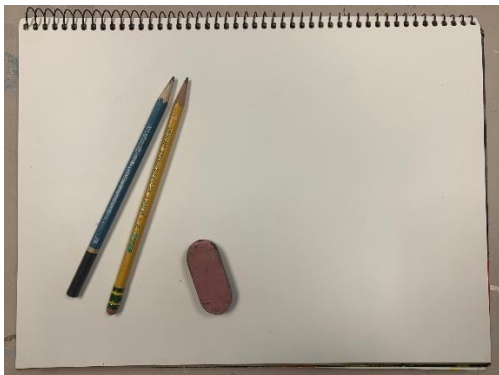
Power and Beauty (1968)



Canary and Tangles (1991)

Artist's Interpretation – The current COVID-19 situation that we are in is such that everyone has to be safe. Most children are staying inside their own homes and parents are helping them more than ever with studying, playing and everything in between. This reminds me of how parent birds feed their babies in the nest and take care of them before the babies learn to fly. Self's representation of birds in his different artworks is an inspiration here for us to draw the same.

Materials used – HB soft Pencil on paper. Optional 2B, 4B and 6B pencils, Charcoal pencil.



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Objective – Students learn how to look for basic shapes to create a complex

Artwork Skills developed – Drawing, Shading, Looking for light and shadows

There are two options for the same lesson designed here based on the complexity and skill level of all the elementary students. Option 1 is suggested for KG, Grade 1 and Grade 2.

Option 2 is suggested for Grade 3, 4 and 5.



Option 1 – KG, Grade 1, 2



Option 2 – Grade 3, 4, 5

Thank you

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