

A Craftspace and Outside In national touring exhibition

# Radical Craft

Alternative Ways of Making

# Family Activity Pack

If you do any of the activities at home and share them online, please make sure you tag the exhibition [#radicalcrafttour](https://twitter.com/radicalcrafttour)

# To do in the gallery

## Radical Craft Trail

As you walk around the exhibition look out for these art works and answer the questions.

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Who are these birds made by?

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What do you think they are made from?

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One bird looks like it is about to take off. Where might the bird be flying to?

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Find a section of the pattern you like and draw it

## 2

Find the work by Erkki Pekkarinen. You can also see and feel a piece of Erkki's work on the handling table.

What material does Erkki use to make his artworks?

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And what technique does he use?

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There is a photograph of Erkki nearby.  
What do you think it might feel like to wear his suit?

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Andrew Omoding makes sculptures out of fabric.  
Find his work in the gallery.

How do you think he has made them?

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Why do you think Andrew makes work about his family?

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Visit the handling table. You will find another piece by Andrew.  
Hold it in your arms. What does it feel like?

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# To do in the gallery

## Looking and Drawing

Lots of the artists have experimented with scale. They have made things very big or very small. Dalton Ghetti carves sculptures into pencils that have been thrown away and Pradeep Kumar carves people into toothpicks.

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Draw something you can see in the gallery that is very small

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Using his hands Angus McPhee knitted vests, jackets, hats, shoes and socks for a giant from grass and sheep's wool.



Draw something you can see in the gallery that is big



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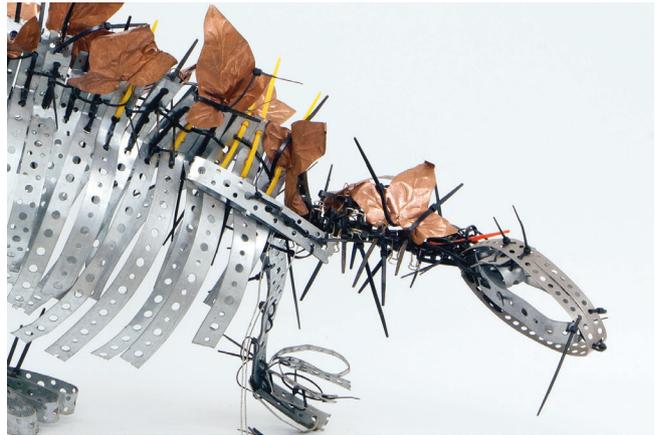
Let your pencil go for a walk.  
It might take you to an imaginary  
world! James Gladwell uses his  
imagination and dreams to make  
his work.

Now use this space to draw freely

# To do in the gallery or at home

## Write a Radical Story

Look for the dinosaurs made by Julia Krause-Harder. She has made it her mission to make every type of dinosaur that ever walked on earth. Have a think about how many dinosaurs that might be.



Imagine you have just come across these two dinosaurs. Write a short story with the dinosaurs meeting as a starting point. If you need more time to think about this, you can write the story at home.

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### To do at home

Julia likes to find out facts about dinosaurs. After your visit, see what you can find out.

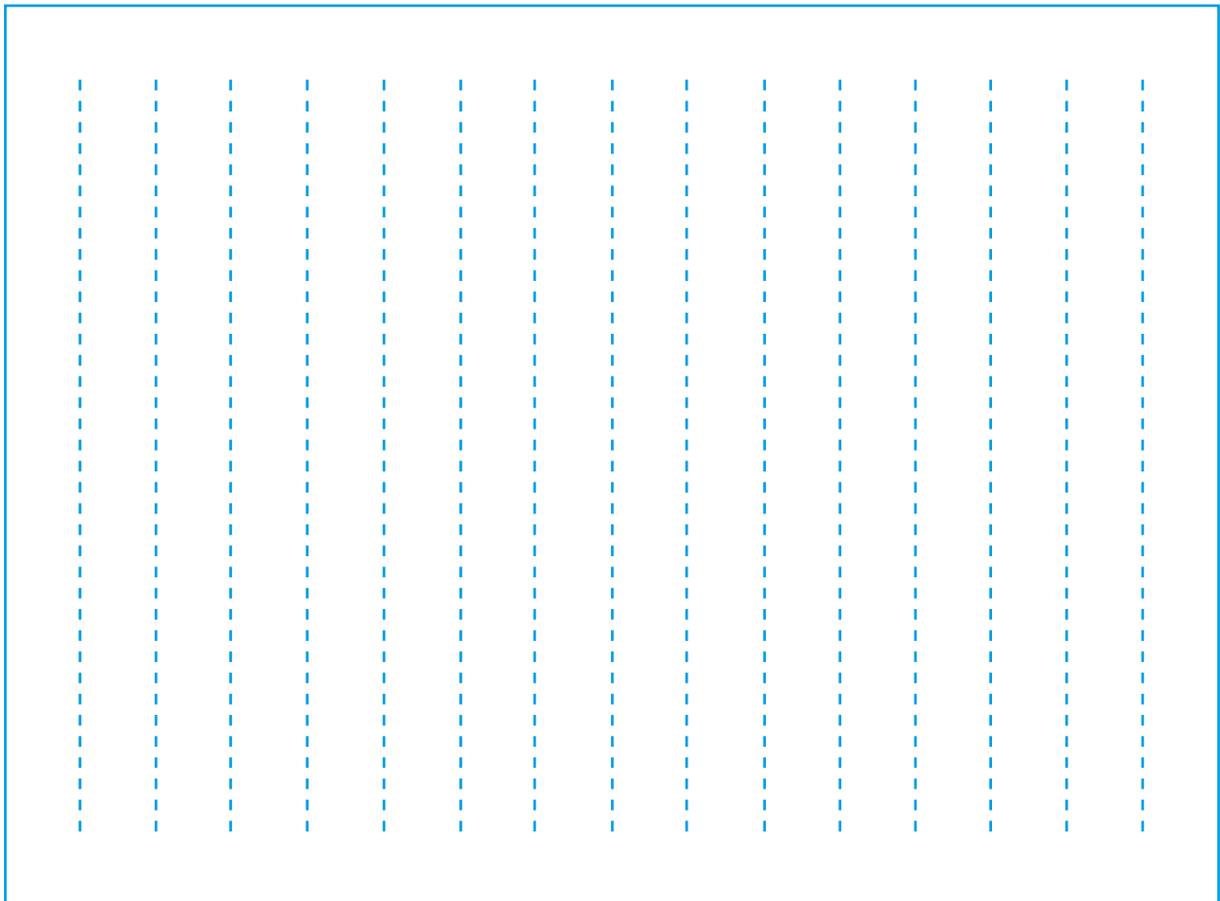
# To do at home

## Learn to Weave

Lots of the artists in the exhibition use different skills with their hands: sewing, knitting, tying, wrapping, weaving, plaiting and carving. Some of them have taught themselves.



Could you learn a new skill? Here are some instructions for how to make a simple loom/grid and weave using different materials. Have a go and then try and teach a friend by following the instructions on the back.



- 1 Trace the weaving grid onto a piece of card (you could use an empty cereal box).
- 2 Next cut along the dotted lines. Remember to not go right to the edge.
- 3 Collect together different materials e.g. thick wool or string, old t-shirts or fabric, and plastic bags.
- 4 Cut the materials into strips about 25cm long and 1cm wide.
- 5 Take one of the strips and pass the end through the first slit in your grid and along to the second. Now bring it up and over to the third slit where you go down and underneath again.
- 6 Keep going under and over until you get to the end of the slits.
- 7 Now take the next strip. This time go over until you get to the second slit and then go down and under coming up at the third slit.
- 8 Keep going over and under until you get to the end again.
- 9 Keep alternating how you start (over or under) until your grid is completely full.
- 10 Lots of the artists in Radical Craft use colour and texture and recycled materials in their work. [Have a go at exploring these and share a picture of your finished pieces with us on Instagram @craftspace\\_ or Facebook \[www.facebook.com/craftspace\]\(http://www.facebook.com/craftspace\) using #radicalcrafttour](#)

If you enjoyed this activity why not try expanding your weaving skills by making a cardboard loom and creating your own hanging woven piece! There are many DIY instructions on offer, here's a link to one to get you started: [www.artbarblog.com/create/weaving-kids/](http://www.artbarblog.com/create/weaving-kids/)

[Or visit www.craftspace.co.uk](http://www.craftspace.co.uk) for another downloadable stitching activity.