

**Colours of the Sea workshop by Thurle Wright,  
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Spencer Finch, *The Colour of Water*

When artist, Spencer Finch visited Folkestone, he looked at the ever-changing tone and colour of the sea. This inspired him to create a wheel of 100 different colours he noticed in the sea, with a little window for you to match the colour of the sea whenever you walk past.

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**Materials**

- Paint (greens, blues, yellows, whites)
- Paintbrushes of different sizes and styles (if you have some spare household items, you can have a go at making your own with sticks, sponges and washing up brushes – these are great for creating different textures!)
- Big paper or cardboard
- Aprons or an old t-shirt and something to cover your surfaces
- Scissors
- Tape
- A paint palette (or something old/washable you can use as a DIY palette)
- Pens/pencils

## Get making

- 1) You can incorporate this project into your daily walk, or head online! The first step is observing the sea (or pictures of the sea). Ask your maker how the sea looks at different times of the day, at different times of the year, or in different photographs. Get talking!
- 2) Take note! It's time for your maker to write down all the words they can think of when they look at the sea – all the different colours they can see in the water; how the sun, clouds of rain change the colour of the sea.
- 3) Now it's time to make some paintbrushes! If you have the materials, we really do recommend this as you can create some great textures with different brushes/sponges.
- 4) When you're ready, help your maker mix some paints and experiment with the colours. What happens when you mix yellow and green together? What about blue and yellow?
- 5) Time to refine. Have a go at making some of the colours you've seen in the sea. Different shades of greens and blues. Are there any other colours you have seen that you didn't expect to?
- 6) Next, start to paint on your paper or cardboard, making lots of different marks with your paintbrushes and tools.



- 7) Create and paint as much as you can, then hang them up to dry.
- 8) When the paintings are dry, try drawing on top of them.



- 9) When your maker is happy with the artwork, you could help them turn their painting into wearable art.
- 10) This is when you'll need your tape and scissors. Bend, fold, scrunch and cut the painted paper to create a crown or hat.
- 11) If you've got some other recycled materials laying around, you could create an entire costume and put on a fashion show!



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