

Memory Making/Memory Breaking workshop by Leandro Stafford



David Shrigley, *Lamp Post (as remembered)*

David Shrigley's funny sculpture takes a piece of history and presents it as a piece of art. Shrigley invited his artist-friend Camille Biddell to memorise (in just 40 seconds) the decorative lampposts along The Leas. The replica lamppost she created from memory now stands in line with the others.

[Click here to find out more about David Shrigley and *Lamp Post \(as remembered\)*](#)

Materials

- Paper
- Pens
- Kitchen foil
- Tape
- Pipe cleaners
- Googly eyes
- A variety of images from a magazine, newspaper or book
- Cardboard or recycled materials, e.g. toilet-roll tubes, egg boxes, bottles/lids
- Glue
- Paint, paint brushes & apron
- Stop watch/timer on phone

Get making

- 1) Let's begin by testing our memory! Show your maker an image they've never seen before (something memorable, like an animal).
- 2) Get your maker to create a sculpture of the image from memory.
- 3) If your maker enjoys a sense of excitement, you may like to put a time limit on this first activity, or get their creative juices flowing by only giving them a limited number of materials.



- 4) Next, show your maker a series of images they've never seen before. Show them the first image for 60 seconds, then reduce the time they get to look at every image. For example, image 1, 60 seconds; image 2, 40 seconds; image 3, 20 seconds.
- 5) Ask your maker to draw the images as they remember them, within a limited time of 1-2 minutes.
- 6) Display the drawings next to the original images to make a DIY exhibition of the artworks your maker has created.



- 7) Let's make a sculpture from a happy memory! Talk about a happy memory and choose one your maker would like to make into a sculpture.
- 8) Use your recycled materials, like toilet-roll tubes, to start building the memory.



- 9) Once the sculpture is complete, it's time to paint it!
- 10) When it's dry, your maker can present their sculpture, and add it to their growing exhibition!



We'd love to see what you've created! Share your photos and videos with us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook @creativefstone