



Art Skills Progression Chart (EYFS to Year 6)

Skills progression including key vocabulary and suggested techniques.

Skills	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drawing	Explore mark-making; use crayons, pencils, chalk. Vocab: line, shape	Draw simple shapes; begin detail. Vocab: outline, pattern	Add texture and detail; use shading. Vocab: tone, texture	Use different grades of pencil; proportion. Vocab: cross-hatch, contour	Experiment with perspective; more detail. Vocab: horizon, depth	Accurate proportion; expressive lines. Vocab: form, foreshortening,	Advanced perspective; complex compositions. Vocab: vanishing point, chiaroscuro
Painting	Explore colour mixing; primary colours. Vocab: mix, brush	Mix secondary colours; simple brush control. Vocab: primary, secondary	Create tints and shades; controlled strokes. Vocab: tint, shade	Use different brushes; layering. Vocab: wash, opacity	Experiment with texture; colour theory. Vocab: complementary colours	Apply techniques for mood; blending. Vocab: hue, saturation	Advanced colour theory; expressive painting. Vocab: contrast, monochrome
Printing	Simple prints with objects. Vocab: press, stamp	Repeat patterns; block printing. Vocab: pattern, block	Overlapping prints; colour variation. Vocab: relief, rotation	Use rollers; create motifs. Vocab: motif, symmetry	Combine techniques; detailed designs. Vocab: reduction, overlay	Multi-layer prints; precise registration. Vocab: registration, edition	Complex designs; mixed media printing. Vocab: intaglio, collagraph
Collage	Tear and stick; explore textures. Vocab: glue, cut	Arrange shapes; simple composition. Vocab: arrange, layer	Overlap for effect; mix materials. Vocab: texture, background	Use colour and shape for impact. Vocab: contrast composition	Combine media; create focal points. Vocab: focal point, balance	Use collage for narrative; refine edges. Vocab: harmony, juxtaposition	Advanced mixed media; conceptual collage. Vocab: abstraction, unity
3D / Sculpture	Model with playdough; simple forms. Vocab: roll, pinch	Build with card; simple shapes. Vocab: join, fold	Add detail; use clay. Vocab: score, slip	Create texture; combine materials. Vocab: relief, structure	Explore form and space; armatures. Vocab: armature, proportion	Complex forms; refine finishes. Vocab: casting, carving	Advanced sculpture; conceptual design. Vocab: installation, assemblage
Digital Art	Use simple drawing apps. Vocab: click, drag	Create basic shapes digitally. Vocab: tool, fill	Add colour and text digitally. Vocab: layer, crop	Experiment with filters; simple edits. Vocab: filter, pixel	Combine digital and traditional media. Vocab: blend, opacity	Use advanced tools; photo editing. Vocab: resolution, vector	Create digital compositions; animation basics. Vocab: timeline, export