

Create with MAG&M

Online Creative Learning Activities and Experiences

Spotlight on the Ceramics Collection For ages 10 and up

Ceramics are one of the oldest artforms in the world. Did you know that Manly Art Gallery & Museum has one of the best collections of Australian ceramics held in a regional gallery?

We have more than 400 ceramic artworks, dating from 1945 to the present. Twelve of these are in the 'MAG&M Online' section of this website.

Creative Challenge #3:

This challenge is to find inspiration in the ceramic tile by Sydney artist Fairlie Kingston, titled *Collaroy*.

Manly Art Gallery & Museum

West Esplanade Reserve, Manly NSW
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Fairlie Kingston

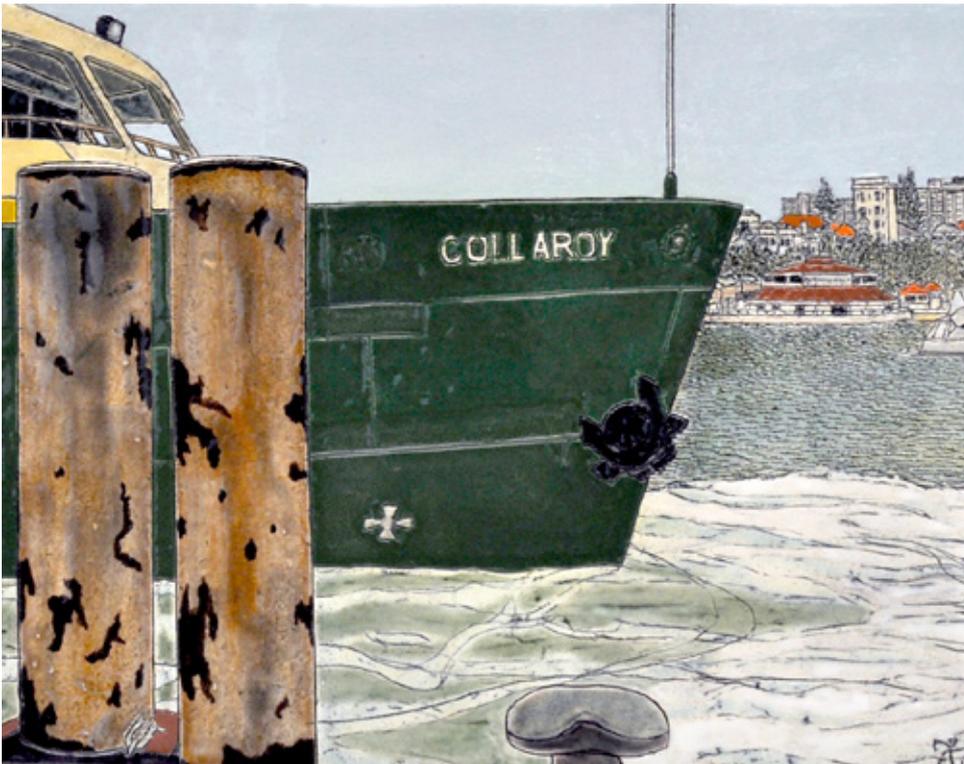
Fairlie Kingston (b.1954)

Collaroy, 2010

Ceramic relief tile

MAG&M Collection - Purchased 2010 (C0334)

Image courtesy of the artist and Australian Galleries



This artwork looks like a painting on a canvas but it is actually a painting on a ceramic slab (like a big tile).

This activity will test your drawing and painting skills by making your own version of this artwork.

You may wish to experiment with the surface that you paint on, maybe you have an old ceramic plate at home or a smooth tile or a flat piece of wood.

Make sure you gesso the surface first or cover it with white paint. This will make it easier for you to paint your artwork onto this surface. Don't forget to get all your acrylic paints out for this challenge.

You will need:

Pencil	Surface like on old tile
Gesso or white paint	Piece of flat wood or old plate
Acrylic paints	A paintbrush.

Task

You may want to practise drawing this composition first on a piece of paper as it has many lines. Also, note all the buildings in the background and how they are small and light in colour which makes them look far away.

Step 1

Cover the plate or tile with white paint or tile.

Step 2

Draw a picture onto the surface with a lead pencil while it is wet.

Step 3

Wait until the white paint dries, then add the acrylic paint in smooth thin layers.

We would love to see what you create

Once you have finished your artwork:

1. take a photo of it on a phone
2. share it on Instagram with #magamnswh or
3. email it to artgallery@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au and we can share it for you.

Please include your name and age in the email.