

Bharti Kher Alchemies

Bharti Kher is an artist who lives and works in both New Delhi in India and London in the UK. She transforms everyday objects into intriguing artworks. Myths and magical tales come alive in her work, with imagined creatures that combine humans, animals and nature. Bharti loves experimenting with materials and finding unexpected ways to use them.

Bharti loves to draw, and she draws in different ways to record, test out ideas and to imagine.

It's your turn to explore with your drawing kit. You can also use the spyhole to observe details closely or create a drawing in the shape of a circle.

Ideas to get everyone drawing.

See what happens when you use different

 pencils, colours, marks and lines.

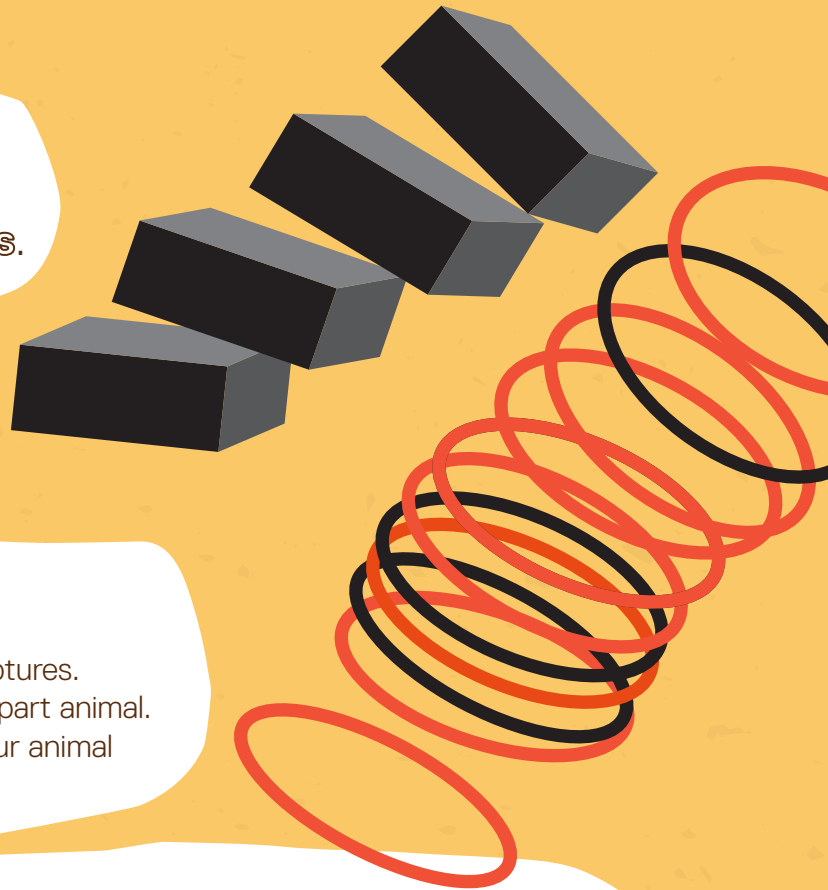
Bharti makes artworks that combine animals and humans.

Make a drawing inspired by Bharti's sculptures. Draw a picture of yourself as part human part animal. Think about your personality and what your animal would bring to your creation.

Maybe...

A fox's tail to show cunning and quick thinking.
A lion's mane to show courage and leadership.
An eagle's wings to show freedom and ambition.

Use patterns, colours and different marks to bring your drawing to life. Give it a title. Imagine it being turned into a sculpture.



Bharti sometimes creates art using bindis. Bindis are colourful dots that some South Asian Women wear on their foreheads. Some people think bindis are a magical third eye, helping us understand things beyond what we can see with our actual eyes.

Bharti uses thousands of them, almost like a drawing material.

Think of a simple shape you can draw many times. Make a picture by repeating this shape. Draw it 10, 100, or even 365 times. Notice how you feel as you do this.

Experiment with the scale of your shape. Sometimes it can be big, sometimes small.

Fold crease and transform

Bharti loves to transform materials, so they have new meanings.

Start with a sheet of paper and fold it into sections. Open up your paper and notice the creases and lines – these will become part of your drawing.

On the paper, draw something you're curious about in the gallery.

Fold the paper again, so it's no longer a rectangle. Draw something that Bharti has transformed. Keep folding and drawing, opening, and shutting your paper, creating a new drawing each time.

When you are finished, stand your drawing up, so it becomes a sculpture.

Memory Drawings

Bharti helps us think about where we come from, the stories that make us who we are, and who we want to be.

Drawing yourself from memory.

Spend a few minutes really looking at someone in your group.

Turn around and draw them. See what you remember and what you forgot.

Draw someone's face without lifting your pencil off the paper.

Why not show our gallery staff your drawings?

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