

Art Cart at home

Art Cart is a free art program for children

Saturday and Sunday, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Today we are focusing on:

Laith MCGREGOR

Dreamin' about a place I'll never see 2007



Laith MCGREGOR *Dreamin' about a place I'll never see* 2007 biro on paper 76.0 x 56.0cm
Purchased through the Gil Docking Drawing Fund 2009 Newcastle Art Gallery collection
Courtesy the artist

About the artist:

Laith MCGREGOR is an Australian artist who was born in Queensland. Best known for his detailed drawings made with blue BIC biro pens, MCGREGOR says he likes using pens because they are a tool that people use every day. Most of the drawings are of MCGREGOR's friends and family, often in the style of a cartoon with very long beards. MCGREGOR is interested in the way that beards can make a person seem mature, masculine and wise.

Materials:

Paper
Blue pen
Pencil

Create:

Use a lead pencil to lightly draw a face large enough to fill the top half of your page. Do not draw a line in for the chin – this is where the beard will go later. Now imagine a far away place, it may be a secluded island with palm trees, waves and coconuts, a rainforest with monkeys or outer space. Turn the page upside down and fill with little drawings of that far away place in the shape of a beard. Retrace all of the lines with a blue pen.