

Let's get set-up!

Framing is a technique used by visual artists (especially cinematographers and photographers) to help draw your attention to something in a picture or scene, or make you feel a certain way while you watch. It's like dress up but for a room. Before we go looking for ways to dress our scenes, let's make viewfinders to help us focus our vision. It's like a camera, tablet, or phone, but this time we are going to step away from our devices.

This week, we'll need:

- Cardboard or construction paper
- Tape (optional)
- Scissors
- String (twine or floss also works)
- Ruler
- Pencil

Watch Kay as they build a viewfinder on YouTube

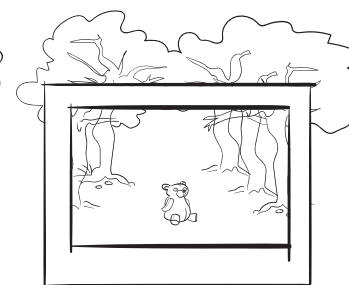
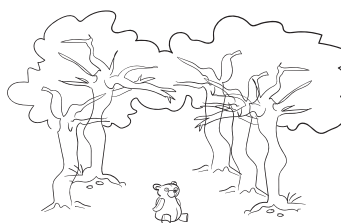
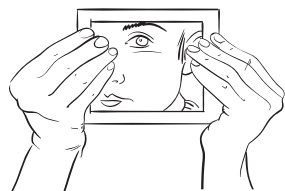
<https://www.youtube.com/user/artstarts/videos>

Join us for a Live Making Workshops on Saturdays

<https://facebook.com/artstarts>

Once you have your viewfinder try taking a walk while looking through it. Make sure everyone in your family or your group has a viewfinder for themselves! What do you notice?

Ask a friend, sibling, parent, or guardian to sit on the other side of your viewfinder. Can you place things around them to make them look like they are in a different place when you look through your viewfinder?



Try using your string to line up the most important thing in your scene. If you want people to **focus** or look at one important thing, where should they be within your viewfinder? In the centre? On the side? Try moving your viewfinder around.

What happens when you:

- Swap a person for a toy in your scene?
- Look from up high? Look from down low?
- Put a whole bunch of things around your focus object?
- Turn on a light from above?
- Use a flashlight?

Vocabulary. How do you describe your scene?

Can you make a scene that feels...

Comfortable	Forgotten	Cluttered
Scary	Wide Open	Small
Frustrating	Messy	Forever
Tense	Welcoming	Dreamy
Private	Peaceful	Colourful
Abandoned	Tired	Boring
Close	Overwhelmed	Delicious