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The word **tracing** can mean different things; when exploring art-making it can sometimes mean copying an image or mark from one surface to another, using an object to create an outline, or it can mean drawing an image into or through a material. Wow! And that's just art-making. Do you know other ways to trace something or some one?

This week, we'll need:

- Tape (or poster tack)
- A mark-making tool (pencil, marker, etc)
- Pieces of paper (recycled paper is great)
- A window!



Tape a piece of paper onto a window and draw a mark. Try something simple. Then tape a piece of paper on top. Copy the first line, or draw a different line (or both!). Keep adding pieces of paper. Try pulling your first page off and putting it on top. What do you notice?

What happens when you:

Use different types of paper? Use paper that already has marks and writing? Try tracing on a cloudy day compared to a sunny one? Trace using different colours or different mark making tools?

Watch Kay on YouTube use their window to trace: https://www.youtube.com/user/artstarts/videos

Join us for a Live Making Workshops on Saturdays https://facebook.com/artstarts

Sometimes when people talk about tracing, the words stealing or cheating are said. Do you know why?

Use tracing as a way to explore and play! Share your process (how you did a thing) when you show your explorations. When you make a thing for keeps, you should always think about who made the original drawing you're tracing. Making a copy of a thing is not *wrong*, and tracing something is a good way to help figure out how someone drew a picture or image themselves. Copying your own drawings is a great way to practice and try different things! Animators copy their own drawings all the time to make pictures move. Tracing a template or using a stencil can help you save time.

It's all about permission and respect!

Vocabulary.

What does it mean to trace something?

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Сору	Transluscent	Repeat
Fast	Light	Outline
Exact	Reveal	
See-through	Duplicate	

