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Landscape near Hadleigh
John Nash RA

Sir Frederick Gibberd was the architect who designed Harlow

Watercolour is a pigment (colour) that, when mixed with water creates a type of paint. Watercolour paint is transparent (see-through), so the white of the paper underneath shows through the painting.
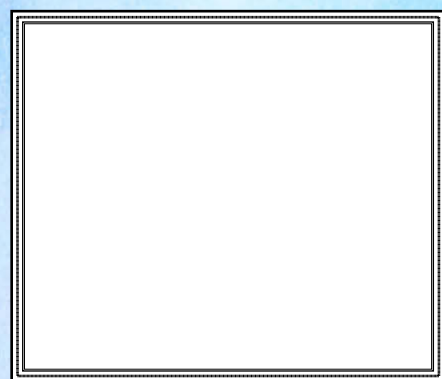
How many landscape paintings can you find in the collection. Look closely and see what you can find in the landscapes, birds, a car or a castle maybe? Imagine climbing into the painting and exploring the landscape, what could be behind that tree or at the end of road? Use your imagination to tell a story.

Landscapes are pictures of a view or a place.

The Sir Frederick Gibberd watercolour collection is always on show, it's a permanent display. All of the paintings were given to Harlow in 1984. They came from Sir Gibberd and Lady Gibberd's very own personal collection, they'd been collecting the paintings for over 40 years.

They began collecting them in 1935 and set themselves three rules, the picture had to be by a British artist, the artist must be alive and the picture should be a watercolour, drawing or print. What would the rules be for your collection?

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watercolour brushes are made of sable (animal fur), synthetic sable or nylon

The Rooks
Betty Swanwick RA

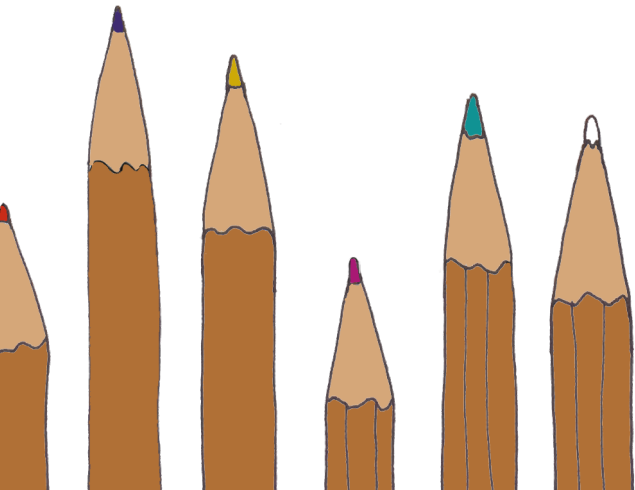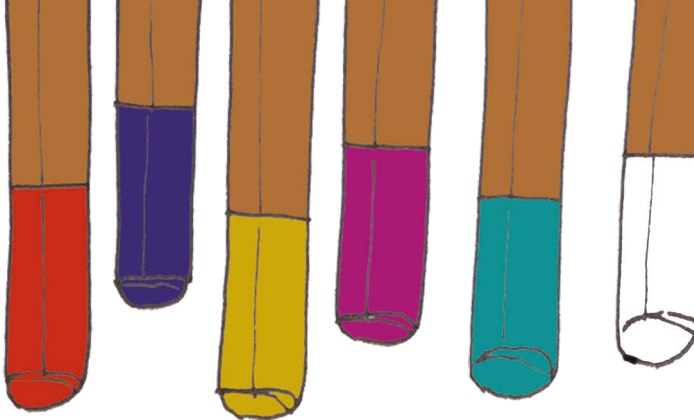What's the weather like in 'The Rook' painting above? See what other weather you can find in the galleries collection.

Mr. Gibberd collected drawings and prints as well as watercolours, 'Tabernacle', the artwork on the left, is a coloured pencil drawing. This is just a small section of the artwork, see if you can find the whole drawing in the gallery. These drawings were made by the artist when he was designing stained glass windows for a church. Use the box below to draw your own stained glass design.

Tabernacle
Ceri Richards

Gibberd GALLERY

Sir Frederick Gibberd
Watercolour
Collection

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Family Guide and Activity Sheet

A space to draw ....

Try drawing your favourite painting from the collection, copy
shapes and patterns or use your imagination to create a new
magical landscape.