Make art

with the
Art Gallery
of New
South Wales
and Jeffrey
Smart

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Artists love to create. They make drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and other things for us to look at. They use colours, patterns and shapes that make us feel all sorts of emotions.

Do you love to draw, paint and make things?

Explore some of the artworks from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, become an artist and create your own wonderful artworks.

Look at these artworks by Australian artist Jeffrey Smart.
You will need:
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Coloured paper rectangles
- Paper for the background
- Your imagination!

Create your own geometric cityscape influenced by Jeffrey Smart’s art.

Remember, you are the artist so you can decide the colours you will use, how many buildings will be in your city and if there will be trees, people or cars.

Jeffrey Smart enjoyed creating artworks that show the beauty of the industrial world. He painted scenes of city life in bright light, using interesting angles, shapes and viewpoints to make them look extraordinary.

Geometric constructions
1 Take some of the coloured paper rectangles and lay them out in front of you. Decide if you want all your buildings to be the same height, or if some will be smaller and thinner. Will some be squares, maybe some will have pointed tops?

2 Cut the rectangles into the sizes and shapes you want and start to lay them out on your background piece of paper. Move them around until you like how it looks.

3 Use the leftover pieces of paper to make little squares and shapes that can become the windows of your buildings.

4 Arrange the windows on the buildings. Do you want to add trees? If you do, cut more of your paper into tree shapes, or bushes and plants and add them to your picture.

5 What about cars or trucks? You could also make more buildings by folding the paper and cutting out holes for the windows.

6 When you are happy with your arrangement, stick all the pieces to your background paper. There you go, a colourful constructed cityscape of your very own!