

ART SUNDAY AT HOME ACTIVITY

# Create a cardboard vase

inspired by Charles Blackman's *Alice in Flowers*



Charles Blackman, *Alice and Flowers*, 1998, Purchased by Maitland Regional Art Gallery in 2008 with assistance from Susan Steggal, Ann Dart and Jane Cummings in memory of Robert Rex Wallis (1915-1979) and Phemie Faith Gilmour Wallis (1915-2007)

**Be inspired** by Charles Blackman's brilliant use of colour in his silkscreen *Alice in Flowers*.

This is a great summery activity, perfect for brightening up the table at your place, and your main material is a cardboard box!



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**SEE** if you can find a medium sized cardboard box. This will be enough for one vase.

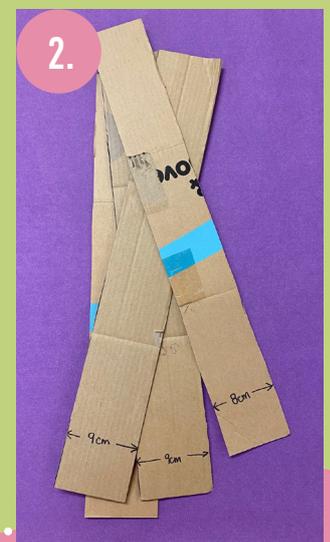
In the example I made 4, which was one medium/large box.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Scissors (large sturdy ones are best for thick cardboard)
- Hot glue, but you can use masking tape instead. If you are using hot glue, you will need an adult to help.
- Paint, brushes, a ruler, perhaps a craft knife (but only used under adult supervision :)
- Some jars or cans.

## CREATING YOUR ART WORK

1. **START** by deciding on the shape of your vase. The easiest shape is a rectangle! If you are making more than one, try out different shapes and sizes, although it will depend on how big your jars are. When you have worked out your shape, **CUT** 2 of each i.e., a front and a back.
2. **THEN** cut some strips of cardboard 8-9cm wide, these are the sides of your vase. Bigger jars will need 9cm sides.



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3. **NEXT**, gather your pieces making sure you have 4 pieces for each vase - 2 sides PLUS a front and a back!

If your vase is curvy or angled, like in the pic, you will need to curve and bend your sides before you glue or tape them.

4. **NOW** is a good time to make sure your vases fit the jar you have chosen! You are ready to glue or tape all 4 pieces together! Glue or tape on the inside joins will make your vase even sturdier.

5. **IF** you want your colours to really pop, it's a good idea to give your vases an undercoat of white paint. I also painted the undercoat inside about halfway down, not essential but it's up to you.

6. **ONCE** that's dry decide how you want to paint your vase.... there really is no limit! This a very easy project to scale up or down once your vase shape is made.... simple dots and stripes for pre- schoolers, or something more detailed for teens to adults!

**FINALLY...**

**Fill up your jar with water, pop your vase over the top, add flowers or foliage, and voila! HAPPY SUMMER!!!**

