



Walkers Art Club

PAINTED VASE OF FLOWERS



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In This Lesson

For this lesson, you will be creating a standing vase of flowers using paper and paint. This art project is a little more challenging in the preparation of the first three stages but if you take your time, everything after that will be easy! I used watercolour paper, but any thicker paper or card would work too.

You will need:

- 2 sheets of thick paper or card exactly the same size (regular printer paper will not work),
- Paints
- Scissors (and a steady hand!)
- Glue stick or white school glue

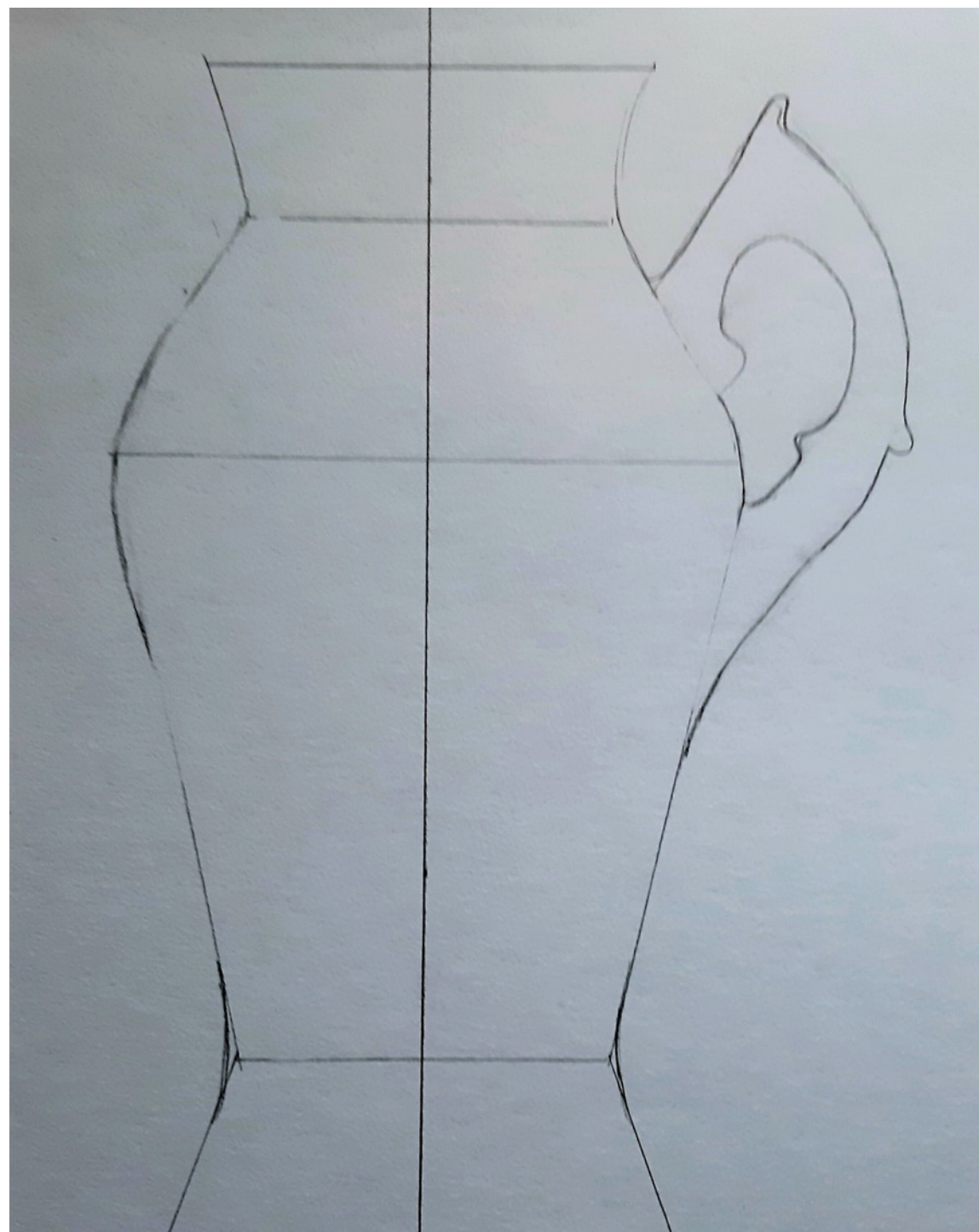


Before you start, take a little time to research vases online and find a shape and style that you like. You can also do some research about still life art, which this lesson is inspired by: <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/s/still-life>

https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/nstl/hd_nstl.htm

Step 1 - Sketch the vase: Start by using a ruler to draw a centre line down the length of the page. Then, take your time to draw the shape of the vase on either side of the centre line. Make sure it's symmetrical so that it's the same shape and size on both sides. If you have tracing paper, that might help.

*You might also find it much easier if you choose a vase without handles (I really wish I had, they were super fiddly)!



Step 2 - Paint your vase: I decorated mine with watercolour paint because I used watercolour paper. I only used one colour, but made the paint slightly more watery for some of the leaves and flowers.

*Younger students can sketch and paint their flowers directly onto the paper at this stage and stop here if they wish.



Step 3 - Make your vase: Once it's fully dry, carefully take your time to cut out around your vase. Then using a glue stick or white school glue to spread a thin coating around the handles and the very edge of your vase - make sure not to get any glue on the top or the base of the vase. Place the gluey side down onto your second page, matching the base of the two pages carefully, then place a heavy book on top and leave to dry overnight.



Step 4 - Making continued: Now that the two pages are firmly stuck together, cut around the vase so that the underneath page is exactly the same...this was when I REALLY regretted the handles!



Step 5 - Making the vase stand up: Make a small base by cutting a piece of card/paper exactly the same size in width as the base of the vase, keeping it flat with a flap of about 2" or 4cm each side. This will slot into the opening of the base which you left clear of glue. Use the glue stick on the outer sides of the flaps and attach by pressing the gluey sides to the inside of the vase. Your vase should now be able to stand up.



Step 6 - Adding flowers: You can add real flowers (I found my real flowers were a little heavy) or you can have fun and paint your own flowers to add a personal touch!

I've had a lovely day making this and even though it's a little tricky it will make a lovely, thoughtful gift. You need never go to a florist again!

