

## Skills Development Worksheet Template

This is a simple way of creating practice exercises across a whole range of mark-making skills – sketching, shading, line work, pattern exploration. It can be re-invented in many different forms to reflect the space you want to use, the shapes or media you want to explore or to link it to your topic by eg using the petals of a flower or an Elmer template. A blank template is attached, and below are some examples of how you might use it. These can be selected across a series of lessons – not all in one go.

<p><b>Lines</b> – thick, thin, wavy, spiky etc. lines with different drawing tools, different edges on a pencil etc.</p>				
<p><b>Shading to create TONE</b> – Dark, light, mid-tones. Grading from dark to light and light to dark.</p>				
<p><b>Other mark-making to create shade and texture</b> - hatching, cross-hatching, random squiggles, swirls</p>				
<p><b>Pattern</b> – Exploring patterns to decorate surfaces.</p>				
<p><b>Colour</b> – Pencils, crayons, felt pens, pastels , paint – exploring colour mixing, colour combinations and control of brushes.</p>				
