

# A CREATIVE PROJECT



John Waterhouse, *Lamia* 1905.  
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki,  
gift of Moss Davis, 1930



Walter Sadler, *Married*, 1896, Mackelvie  
Trust Collection, Auckland Art  
Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

## Rawatoi | Materials

Paper to draw on (coloured or white – whatever you can find)

Felt pens/coloured pencils/crayons

AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI O TĀMAKI DRAW AN ALLEGORY

## Draw an allegory

Some artists create artworks that are called allegories. These artworks have secret meanings or codes in them. A rose can mean love, an owl can represent wisdom, and a dog can mean loyalty. There aren't specific rules, you can make up your own allegories too.

### Tohutohu | Instructions

- 1 Come up with a story in your head that you want to draw. It can be about something real or imagined.
- 2 Think about what you can use as symbols or allegories – a snake for something sneaky, a clock for time passing, a flower for spring.
- 3 Here are some ideas you may want to explore: love, peace, summer, friendship, happiness.
- 4 Draw. Think about colours too, they can make a drawing feel different – dark blues can make you think of night-time or water, yellow can make you think of heat or sunshine, orange can mean autumn.

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