

Hidden Artworks



During World War 2, British soldiers captured and imprisoned in South East Asia created artworks in secret. They drew their camp life, including the wildlife they saw, and they also created cartoons to amuse their camp mates and pictures that reminded them of home. Drawing wasn't allowed so the drawings were hidden in bamboo tubes. If you were a long way from home, what might you draw?

Create your own mini artwork and a bamboo tube to hide it in.

What you will need...

- Cardboard tube
- Small piece of paper to fit inside the cardboard tube
- Brown or green tissue paper
- Crayons, colouring pencils or paints
- Glue

Instructions

1. Visit the 'Secret Art of Survival' exhibition online: <https://vgm.liverpool.ac.uk/exhibitions-and-events/special/fepow/> and view some of the artworks here: <https://www.captivememories.org.uk/resources/fepow-art>
2. Draw your own picture inspired by the prisoners' art.
3. Stick tissue paper onto the cardboard tube to cover it or colour in.
4. Draw on lines to resemble the lines on real bamboo.
5. Roll up your artwork and slide it inside the tube.

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