

AAC at home

Butterfly prints

In Afternoon Art Club, we get children making art.

Ben Quilty *Skull Rorschach*, 2009

Our current Gallery 1 exhibition *Goulburn Bustle 2021* features 27 works of art from our permanent collection including new acquisitions, hidden gems, and favourites from exhibitions past. The exhibition has been curated by the Gallery team who each created a wish list of works for consideration.

Towards the front of the Gallery you will find Ben Quilty's *Skull Rorschach*, 2009. Residing in the Southern Highlands, Ben Quilty is one of Australia's most well known artists and has exhibited frequently with the Gallery.

Skull Rorschach is a two paneled work on canvas featuring two images from the one painting of a skull. Rorschach is a psychiatric technique using inkblot images to determine a patient's personality and compulsions. In his work, Quilty parodies the Rorschach test with butterfly printing craft activities. By doing so the artist questions the structures used to define us as human, healthy and sane.

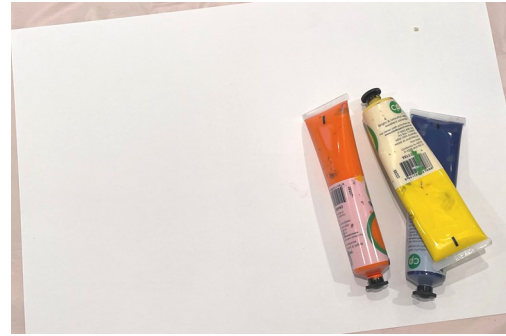


Image: Ben Quilty, *Skull Rorschach*, 2009, oil on linen, 60 x 50 cm each, Purchased 2009.

Create a butterfly print inspired by Ben Quilty's 'Skull Rorschach', 2009.

You will need:

- Paper
- Tubes of acrylic paint



- Fold your piece of paper in half and open flat
- Add some colour from your tubes of paint to one half of your paper
- Use a variety of colours for a more interesting print
- Fold your paper closed
- Use your hands to spread the paint between the two layers of paper. Apply pressure and use a circular motion to encourage the colours to mix and make interesting patterns
- Carefully open your piece of paper to reveal a colourful butterfly print

Extension activities

Did you enjoy butterfly printing? Here are some ideas to extend this activity:

- Create a series of butterfly prints using different colours. Repurpose your prints for gift paper or cards
- Once your paint is dry, use a marker to transform your print into a more recognizable image i.e. a butterfly, face etc.
- Take a leaf out of Quilty's book and create a painting of something representational. Create a print from your wet painting using a new piece of paper.



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