

# Line one

## Art and crafts

### Up to an hour

#### You will need:

White paper,  
cut into squares

Pens

Pencils

### Large groups

### Dementia-friendly



Calm  
Collaborative  
Fun

A simple drawing activity for a group where participants initially create small artworks on their own and then bring their separate drawings together to make a collaborative artwork.

#### To prepare:

Cut your white paper into equally sized squares – 15cm x 15cm works well. These should be prepared beforehand with a small mark at the halfway point on each side.

#### To begin:

Each participant is given a square piece of paper and pen/pencil. They are then invited to start on one of the halfway marks and take their line for a walk across the paper, anywhere they like, for as long as they like, without lifting their pen/pencil from the paper. Their line should leave the page at another one of the halfway marks.

It may help some groups if you give a demonstration of this before they get started.

Participants could produce a representational artwork of a person, object or landscape; a detailed abstract piece; or a simple squiggly line. They can create as many squares as they like.

#### Next:

The group now get together and create a single, composite artwork by arranging the separate pieces of paper together however they like. The key is that the lines must meet: a line on one piece must align with a line on another piece.

The group can turn the individual drawings and rearrange them so that there is a single line throughout the emerging, larger artwork. The only rule is that the final artwork will be linked by a single, continuous line: joining everyone's drawings together.

#### You could also:

Invite the group to experiment with mark-making by varying the pressure and speed of their lines. They could also try different mark-making materials such as charcoal or paint.

Once you have finished your first artwork as a group, participants may want to make further drawings to add to it.



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