



Water Weaver , Arpana Caur (b.1954)  
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## You inspire me to ...

### Weave with water

There are lots of watery things in our collections from ducks, animals and even prehistoric creatures to David Hockneys big swimming pool picture 'Le Plongeur'.

Artist Arpana Caur has used the paint in this picture to make it look like a woman is weaving and gathering together streams of water.

You can make some of your own artwork using water.

#### What do I need?

- Water in a container (jug, bowl, cup)
- A brush if you have one, but you could also use a bit of ripped up card, a sponge or cloth.
- An outdoor surface to 'paint' on – paving, a drive way, a wall or pavement.

#### What am I doing?

- You are going to draw a picture using water.
- Decide what you would like to 'paint'.
- Dip your brush, sponge or card into the water and use it to paint on your chosen surface.
- When your brush dries out dip it into the water again.
- You must try and finish your painting before the water dries! This will be easier if it is not sunny weather!
- Don't worry if you make any mistakes you can start all over again when your drawing has dried up.
- What does it feel like to paint with water? How many 'paintings' can you do?

#### Hints and Tips

- You can challenge someone else to try and guess what you are painting as you paint; or you can choose something to paint e.g a lion and then see who can paint it the quickest.
- If you don't have any ideas or what to paint you could have a go at painting your house bricks or doorstep with water.
- Can you try painting with different things you may have at home like a cloth, sponge or bits of card ?