

# MAKE A STATEMENT

## AT THE BUS

### make a positive message poster

Many artists make images to convey a feeling. Colour, pattern and text can all be used to create a mood.

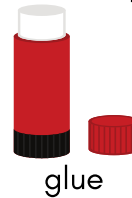
Thinking about words which make you feel good, we'll make a poster with a positive message to display.



### YOU WILL NEED



Magazines, printed papers, packaging, adverts or leaflets - have a rummage through your paper recycling to see what you can find!



glue



scissors

LAKWENA, THE BEST IS YET TO COME, 2018



### INSPIRATION

Lakwena is an artist who uses text in her brightly coloured, patterned artworks. As well as creating paintings, she creates large scale public artworks. These murals feature uplifting messages. Lakwena takes phrases from everyday life and from music lyrics.



*Before I even start painting a wall, I think a lot about the concept and what I want to communicate. I love the colours and the patterns and all that, but that's almost secondary to what I want to say.*

**Lakwena**

LAKWENA, LIFT YOU HIGHER, 2017



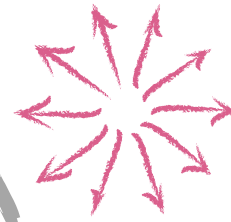
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## CREATE

- 1 Start by noting down words or phrases which you find positive and inspiring. They could come from song lyrics, books or things people say to you.
- 2 Choose one of these messages for your poster. Go through your printed papers to find the letters you need to make up the whole phrase. Cut them out as you go along.  
Now create a background for your poster. You can use card from packaging or a picture you find in a magazine.
- 3 Make sure your background will be big enough to fit all your lettering on. You may need to stick a couple of pieces of paper together.
- 4 Finally, arrange your letters on the background and stick them down.



### tip

Think about the colours and the sizes in the letters you choose - do you want them to be roughly the same? You may want to cut out extra letters so you have choices when you put together your poster.



## BACKGROUND

You can choose any type of surface for your background and any shape.

You may want a plain background to make the lettering stand out. Or you may want to use patterns and colours in the background to help create a mood.

IF YOU CHOOSE, YOU CAN ADD YOUR OWN PAINTED OR DRAWN ELEMENTS TO YOUR BACKGROUND



MARK TITCHNER, NO THEM ONLY US, 2016



BOB AND ROBERTA SMITH, CHOOSE LOVE, 2019, CREATED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HELP REFUGEES CHARITY

## FURTHER IDEAS

Could you make a digital poster or a painting using the same message?

Or choose another message to create a new poster. What could you do differently this time?