

# CREATE A CIRCLE



MARTIN HILL, AUTUMN LEAF  
CIRCLE, 2008

## did you know?

Circles and spheres can often be found in nature. Can you think of examples?

## AT THE BUS

The circle is a symbol that has been used widely across the world and through history. It can mean many things including; wholeness, perfection, infinity, movement, and time.

## sculpture

Martin Hill is an environmental artist. He creates sculptural artworks in nature. He photographs the works to document them. The sculptures themselves then return to nature by decaying, melting or falling apart. Hill chooses to make works which follow nature's cycles.

Many of Hill's artworks are made collaboratively with his partner Philippa Jones. You may want to work together with someone else to create an ephemeral artwork from nature.



MARTIN HILL, LEAF CYCLE, ANAWATA BEACH,  
2002

**EPHEMERAL MEANS 'SOMETHING LASTING FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME'**



MARTIN HILL, WATER CYCLE 3, TOETOE STICKS, NEW ZEALAND, 1997

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Using natural materials, make a temporary sculpture. You may want to start with a circle shape and build your artwork from there.

## did you know?

Circles have an infinite number of lines of symmetry.

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BEATRIZ MILHAZES, AS TULIPAS, 2002

## collage

Beatriz Milhazes is another artist inspired by nature and who uses circular forms in her work.

Although Milhazes' work is abstract, she takes her ideas from flowers and plants, and the bright colours from Brazil where she lives. She mixes materials in her artworks, combining collage with painting, and sometimes even using sweet wrappers in her pieces.



BEATRIZ MILHAZES, POPEYE, 2008

## CREATE

Can you create an abstract picture using circles as a starting point?

You might take inspiration from nature or from geometry.

You could use collage, paint, pens or pencil.

"...the circle became the most important geometric shape I use...There's no centre and it makes your eyes move."

**Beatriz Milhazes**

## tip

You could draw your circles free-hand, use a compass, or draw around an object



## did you know?

Sonia Delaunay was another artist inspired by circles.



BEATRIZ MILHAZES, CACAU, 2011