

Top tips for photographing your artwork

1. Find Good Light

- Natural daylight is best – take your photo near a window or even outside on a dry day. Cloudy days are best as the light is soft and even.
- If you aren't able to take the photo by a window, use a lamp with a white light (not yellow or orange) and shine it from the side, not directly on top.
- Don't use flash – it can make your art look shiny or change the colours.
- Make sure your hand or body isn't casting a shadow on your artwork.

2. Use a Plain Background

- Lay your artwork on a plain surface (like the floor or a table).
- Make sure nothing else is in the photo – just your art!

3. Make Sure It's Flat

- If your artwork is on paper, gently flatten it so it doesn't look wrinkled in the photo.

4. Hold the Camera Still

- Hold your phone or camera directly above or in front of your artwork.
- Keep it steady so the picture isn't blurry- if this is difficult try using a tripod or ask an adult to help take the photo.

5. Fill the Frame

- Make sure your artwork fills most of the picture, but don't cut off the edges!

6. If you're using the camera on your phone

- Use the main camera on the back of the phone (not the selfie one).
- Tap on your artwork on the screen to help the camera focus.
- If it looks too dark or too bright, slide your finger up or down after tapping to adjust the brightness.
- Don't use filters or zoom in – just get close enough to fill the screen.

7. Save Your Photo in Good Quality

- Make sure you don't crop too much or add filters - we want to see your artwork just as you made it!
- Save the photo as a JPG or PNG file.