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# The Hermit Discovered

Desmond Morris, (b.1928)

Desmond Morris is an author, a television presenter, a zoologist AND an artist! People describe his artwork as both abstract, which means it doesn't represent the real world, and surreal, which means it's dream like. What do you see when you look at this painting? Some people say they see fields, a face, hands, jellyfish and even a hermit crab.

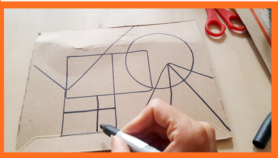
You can have a go at making your own Morris inspired artwork like this:



Grab some card (we've used a delivery package but cereal packets work well) and cut a rectangle.



Find some household objects to draw around with a black felt tip. Try overlapping the shapes. If you want to try out different arrangements you can do it lightly in pencil first.  
TOP TIP: Triangles are hard to find but you can use the corner of a box.



Mix it up with some freehand lines to make interesting shapes.

Now add colour in the sections you have drawn. Morris has used lots of reds and oranges. Which colours do you want to use?



You can use whatever you have lying around. We've used paint, crayons and chalk and stuck on scraps of magazines and lentils.



Morris was inspired by what he saw under a microscope. We've cut out some alien like tentacles from a dark coloured magazine page. What kind of creature could you make...?



Your artwork is ready for display!