

GET INVOLVED!

RACHAEL LONG

DRAWING WITH ROPE



"She has an almost alchemical ability to transform cold, solid machine-made shapes into living, moving creatures."

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

For over 30 years, artist Rachael Long has created animals and birds from recycled and forged steel.

Using heat, imagination and skill, she transforms cold metal into creatures that seem alive and full of movement.

One of the most exciting things about Rachael's sculptures is what she leaves out. The empty spaces help our brains complete the picture.

Can you create an animal using just a simple line?

GET CREATING!

Using the ropes in this box, work with friends or family to create your own animal on the grass.

It could be:

- ★ A fox
- ★ A deer
- ★ A bird
- ★ A rabbit
- ★ An imaginary creature

Or something nobody has ever seen before!

Remember: Use as little rope as possible while still showing what your animal is.

WHAT YOU NEED

- ★ The ropes in this box
- ★ A patch of grass
- ★ Your imagination
- ★ A camera or phone (optional)

CHALLENGE CARDS

Can you:

- ★ Create an animal in less than 60 seconds?
- ★ Create an animal using only one piece of rope?
- ★ Work with a partner to make a creature together?
- ★ Make an animal that looks like it is moving?
- ★ Create a creature nobody else can identify?

THINK LIKE AN ARTIST

As you create, ask yourself:

- ★ Which line is most important?
- ★ What can I leave out?
- ★ How can I show movement?
- ★ Can people recognise my animal from only a few shapes?

PHOTOGRAPH IT!

- 📷 Take a photo of your creation. Give your creature a name. What kind of habitat would it live in?

READY FOR THE NEXT MAKER?

Please:

- ★ Untangle the ropes
- ★ Return them to the box
- ★ Leave everything ready for the next visitor

SOMETIMES THE SIMPLEST LINE CAN TELL THE BIGGEST STORY.