

Iris van Herpen: Art Challenge Pack

Explore fashion, nature, and science through hands-on creativity!

Inspired by the magical work of Dutch fashion designer **Iris van Herpen**, these five challenges invite you to create your own wearable art, nature-inspired designs, and futuristic fashion experiments.

Challenge 1: Swirling Sea Creatures

Theme: Ocean magic from *Sensory Seas*

Make: Hanging jellyfish or coral mobiles

You'll need:

- Tissue paper (in ocean colours)
- Pipe cleaners or string
- Scissors
- Glitter glue or sequins
- Sticky tape or glue

Instructions:

1. Cut long wavy strips from tissue paper.
2. Twist pipe cleaners into curly tentacles.
3. Glue your sea shapes together to make jellyfish or coral.
4. Hang them from string to make your own underwater world!

 **Bonus Challenge:** Make a whole reef scene using recycled plastic!

Challenge 2: Wearable Art Headbands

Theme: Sculptural shapes from her runway shows

Make: A futuristic headpiece or crown

You'll need:

- Cardboard or thick paper
- Tin foil or metallic paper
- Glue or tape
- A plain headband or elastic
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Cut spirals, waves, or zigzag shapes.
2. Wrap them in foil for a shiny effect.
3. Attach them to a headband or band of card.
4. Model your design in front of the mirror!

 **Bonus Challenge:** Name your creation and design a matching outfit!

Challenge 3: Paper Fashion Sculptures

Theme: Iris's famous 3D-printed dresses

Make: A layered paper dress or costume

You'll need:

- Coloured paper
- Scissors and glue
- A small toy or paper doll (or draw your own!)
- Tracing paper or tissue paper

Instructions:

1. Cut out different shapes—circles, diamonds, strips.
2. Layer and glue them like a dress, adding folds and pop-up parts.
3. Create see-through or fluttery layers with tissue paper.
4. Dress up your paper figure in your masterpiece!

 **Bonus Challenge:** Make a mini fashion show with friends or family.

Challenge 4: Mood Colour Capes

Theme: Feelings, flow, and colour


Make: An expressive mood cape

You'll need:

- An old pillowcase or piece of fabric
- Fabric paint or markers
- Paintbrushes or sponges
- Scissors (ask for help)

Instructions:

1. Think about a feeling (happy, calm, wild!) and choose colours to match it.
2. Paint patterns that swirl, twist, or dance across your fabric.
3. Cut a hole for your head and wear your cape proudly!

 **Bonus Challenge:** Make capes for different moods and match them to music!

Challenge 5: Nature Texture Rubbings

Theme: Nature's shapes like shells and fossils

Make: A textured design board for a fashion idea

You'll need:

- Paper
- Crayons or charcoal
- Natural objects: leaves, shells, bark, stones
- Glue and scissors

Instructions:

1. Put paper over your object.
2. Rub gently with crayon to pick up the texture.
3. Try different textures and colours.
4. Cut and glue your favourite rubbings into a design.

 **Bonus Challenge:** Turn your textures into a dress or jacket sketch!