


Recreate a Leger classic



The Orange Vase

Fernand Leger 1946

 Fernand Léger loved turning everyday objects into bold, exciting pictures. In this workshop, you'll use his painting The Orange Vase as inspiration to create your own colourful still life artwork!

You Will Need:

- A photo (or downloaded image) of a **meal**
 - A photo (or downloaded image) of a **vase**
 - Paper (any kind that suits your paints or pens)
 - Bright **felt tips** or **markers**
 - A **pencil** and **rubber**
 - A bold **black pen** or **marker** for outlining
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Things to Think About:

- Choose a safe space to draw or paint
 - Be mindful of the materials you're using
 - If searching online, ask a trusted adult to help you
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Let's Get Started!

Step 1:

Find or take a photo of a **meal** you like.

Step 2:

Find or take a photo of a **vase** – it can be plain or patterned.

Step 3:

Place both images side by side. Use your **pencil** to draw your own still life based on them. Try to fit both into the same picture.

Step 4:

Use your **pen** to go over your pencil lines. Keep the lines a bit **wobbly and fun** – Léger's weren't perfect, and yours don't need to be either!

Step 5:

Add **patterns and shapes** to your vase. Think circles, stripes, zigzags – anything you like!

Step 6:

Add **extra shapes** around your picture. Look at where the edges of objects are and add shapes that follow those lines.

Step 7:

Draw one **big outline** around your whole picture. Then, draw another outline **outside that one**, leaving a 2cm gap. Make the lines cross over here and there like Léger did.

Step 8:

Once you're happy with your picture, go over your final lines and shapes with your **pen**.

Step 9:

Now add **bright, bold colours** to your picture. Try to stay inside the lines and fill every shape.

Top Tip:

Léger used lots of colour and shape to make his art exciting. Be brave – the more vibrant, the better!