

## Design and decorate!

Make a simple vase and enjoy decorating it.

Take inspiration from beautiful, natural autumn colours and imagery.

Get ideas about mixing different materials and techniques from the artist Grayson Perry.

Watch this film for more ideas [youtu.be/i14nL5PQOhY](https://youtu.be/i14nL5PQOhY)



## Ode to Autumn—John Keats

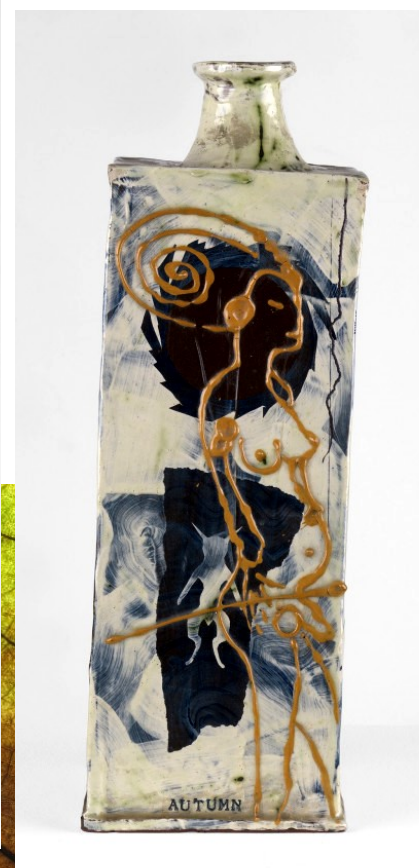
Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness!  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-  
eaves run;  
To bend with apples the mossed cottage  
trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;

Grayson Perry  
*Four Seasons* 1988  
Glazed ceramic vase

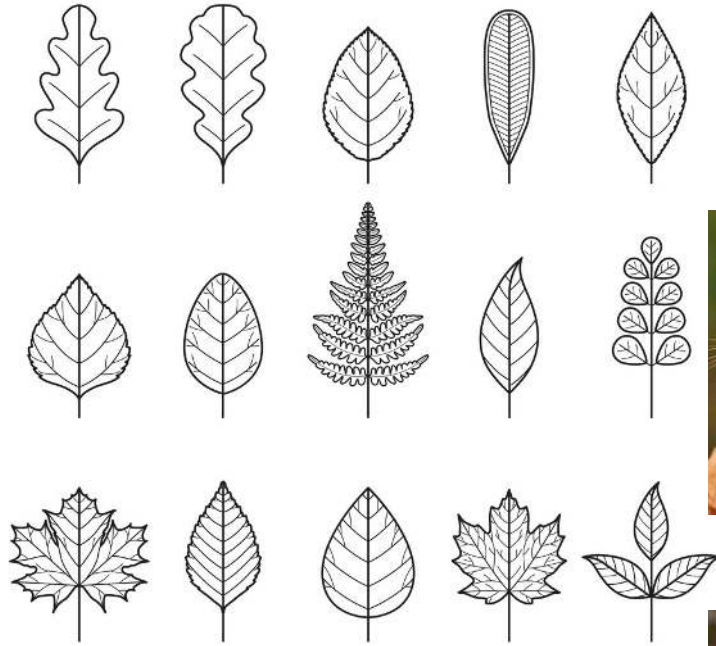
This 4 sided vase depicts the seasons as different people (look carefully and you'll see a word stamped at the bottom of each side).

Perhaps these are different sides of the same person?

Perry has used different techniques layered on top of each other—loose abstract painting, careful line drawing, collaged patterns, text and simple stencils. He has used the surface like a blank canvas.



# Autumn Vases—Inspiration



Grayson Perry  
*Meaningless Symbols* 1993  
Glazed ceramic vase

See how Perry has covered the surface in striking symbols and collage images taken from magazines and comics (Can you spot Lady Diana?)  
**Have fun mixing it up!**

## You could use

A4 plain paper/ card for vase  
Coloured pencils or pens  
Paints  
Scissors and Pritt stick/ glue  
Collage materials - wallpaper/  
wrapping paper/ old maga-  
zines/ newspapers  
Natural things—autumn  
Cut out Words/letters

## Activity (see next page for further help!)

Start by folding an A4 piece of paper (landscape) into 4 equal sections to make 4 sided vase. **Do NOT assemble until you have decorated sides.** Work flat noticing where the paper folds are.

### You could:

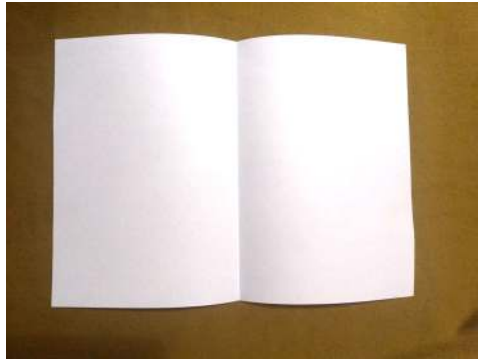
- Use collage or paint to create background colour
- Draw/ collage images over background
- Add words—using cut up newspapers

Now fold along the creases to create a tall square vase (like Graysons) You can glue tabs inside the vase to hold it together (see page 3)  
Make a square base (with tabs) and push inside vase to strengthen.

Share a photo of what you make!  
Send to [e.blythe@holburne.org](mailto:e.blythe@holburne.org)



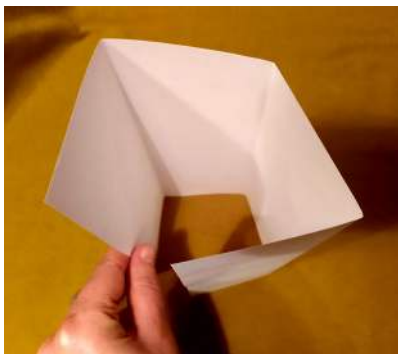
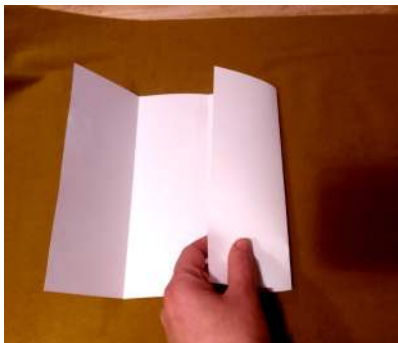
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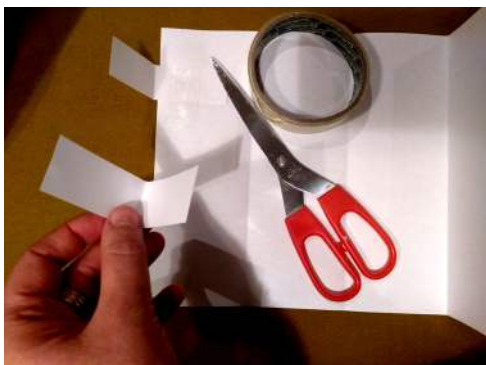
A4 plain paper or card  
Landscape format  
Fold in two



Fold in two again (to middle)  
There are now 4 equal sections



Stand up your vase  
Check all sides are equal  
**DO NOT GLUE TOGETHER—**  
decorate first while it is flat!



You can add tabs inside the vase so  
that you can make an invisible join  
between the inside edges.

Good Luck!