

Art Cart at home

Art Cart is a free art program for children

Saturday and Sunday, 10.30am to 12:30pm

Today we are focusing on:

Margaret OLLEY

Self portrait with everlastings 1974



Margaret OLLEY AC, AO *Self portrait with everlastings* 1974 oil on board 74.6 x 59.3cm Anne von Bertouch OAM bequest through the Newcastle Region Art Gallery Foundation 2003 Newcastle Art Gallery collection Courtesy Margaret Olley Art Trust

About the artist:

Margaret OLLEY's art career was linked to the city of Newcastle where she both painted and lived at different times in her life. OLLEY, a still-life artist, spent many years painting the domestic spaces of her homes including vases of flowers, jugs and fruit. In support of the Newcastle Art Gallery OLLEY donated many works of art, some created by her, and others by young emerging artists.

OLLEY painted this portrait of herself looking in the mirror. She also arranged objects she liked in the foreground of this painting. Can you tell which direction the light in the painting is coming from? Look at the model, is the light stronger on one side of her face?

Materials:

Paper
Watercolour paints or pastels
Paint brush

Create:

Arrange two of your favourite toys in front of the mirror. Draw a self portrait of your reflection with your toys in the foreground of the picture. Use washes of darker watercolour paints or pastels to add shadows.