

Year Six: Collage

Knowledge Organiser



The Big Idea

One of the most notable aspects of Rosemary Karuga's practice is her ability to address important social and political issues through her paintings. She is known for her collage works depicting pastoral and domestic African scenes, commonly villagers, farmers and animals. We can arrange tiles with appropriate spacing and apply grout to create a mosaic.

Vocabulary

grout

bond

adhesive

Research the Artist

Rosemary Karuga
Collage Artist



- Rosemary Karuga addresses important social and political issues through her paintings. She is known for her collage works depicting pastoral and domestic African scenes, commonly villagers, farmers and animals.
- They would go on to be shown internationally, but she only began to produce commercial art in her 60s, once she had retired from teaching.
- She often explores themes such as poverty, gender inequality, and the impact of modernisation on traditional ways of life in Africa.
- Her work provides a window into the struggles and challenges faced by many people in Kenya and other African countries.

Making a Mosaic

1. Draw a simple outline on the mosaic surface.
2. Decide what size mosaic tiles are most appropriate for the level of detail in the design.
3. Glue the tiles to the surface one at a time.
4. After the glue cures for 24 hours, grout the mosaic with regular tile grout.

