

Julia Carter Preston

Ceramicist



Julia Carter Preston was born in Liverpool in 1926 and was the youngest daughter of sculptor Edward Carter Preston. She was a very talented ceramicist (someone who makes pottery that is useful, beautiful or both) and was Head of Ceramics at Liverpool College of Art. She had a studio at Bluecoat for many years. Her studio overlooked the courtyard garden and in the summer she liked to work outside.

She is famous for being an artist who use her own version of 'sgraffito' which means that use layers of plaster in different colours and scratch in to the surface to reveal the different layers and colours.

THINK ABOUT

- Do you like Julia Carter Preston's art work? Why do you think this?
- Have you ever seen art work like this before?

TALK ABOUT

- Do you like Julia Carter Preston's art work? If so, why?
- Have you ever seen art work like this before? Do you have anything similar at home?
- Can you think of any other types of art work that are beautiful but are also useful?

FIND OUT ABOUT

- Are there any other famous ceramicists?

Activity

1. Artists like Julia Carter Preston show us that art is all around us and it is important that we try to find the beauty in objects we use every day. Sometimes it is hard to know whether something is art or not but there are no strict rules. A lot of the time deciding whether something is art or not is whether it makes people think or feel a certain way.

In this activity you will be looking at objects in and around your class room and trying to decide as a group whether you could call them art or not.

2. You will be taking some ordinary house hold objects and trying to turn them in to works of art! Thinking about things like:
 - Did this object take skill to design and make?
 - Does this object use colour, pattern or texture?
 - Is this object nice to look at?
 - Does this object make you feel any emotions or thoughts?

Learning aims and outcomes

- The children will learn more about different artistic movements
- The children will learn more about different types of thinking
- The children will learn more about the lives of people in the past
- The children will use their own thoughts, feelings and ideas
- The children will be able to discuss their ideas in a group
- The children will be able to develop their art and craft skills

