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This paper art tutorial is inspired by Louise Paramor and her artwork, *Blue Snake* (2001) on display as part of the exhibition, *HOTA Collects: Material World*.

Louise Paramor is well known for her large-scale public commissions and skilful repurposing of everyday domestic and industrial objects made from various materials. In this work, *Blue Snake* (2001), she transforms paper using a 'honeycomb' paper technique. This technique enables paper to create form in a 3D freestanding artwork, and is one example of Paramor's experimental, but well executed practice.

Blue Snake (2001) is an exciting and unusual work as it can be moved and transformed to the space in which it's being displayed, which is possible due to the honeycomb technique. In discussing her approach, Louise notes:

"... I have followed a fascination with the seductive quality inherent in collapsible sculptural forms and have been experimenting with different sets of decorative elements. With the 'Lustgarten' exhibition, achieved during my one-year residency at Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, I perfected the 'honeycomb' technique, pushing its limits in size and weight to construct whimsical yet disturbing and intimidating environments."

– PARAMOR, L. (DATE UNKNOWN)



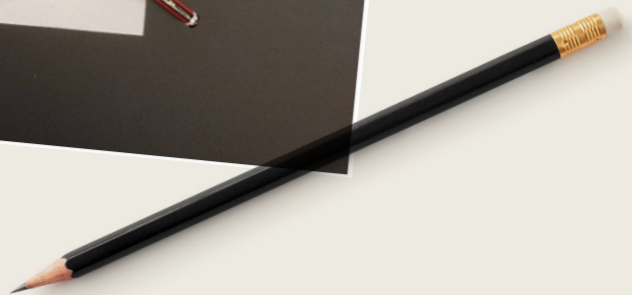
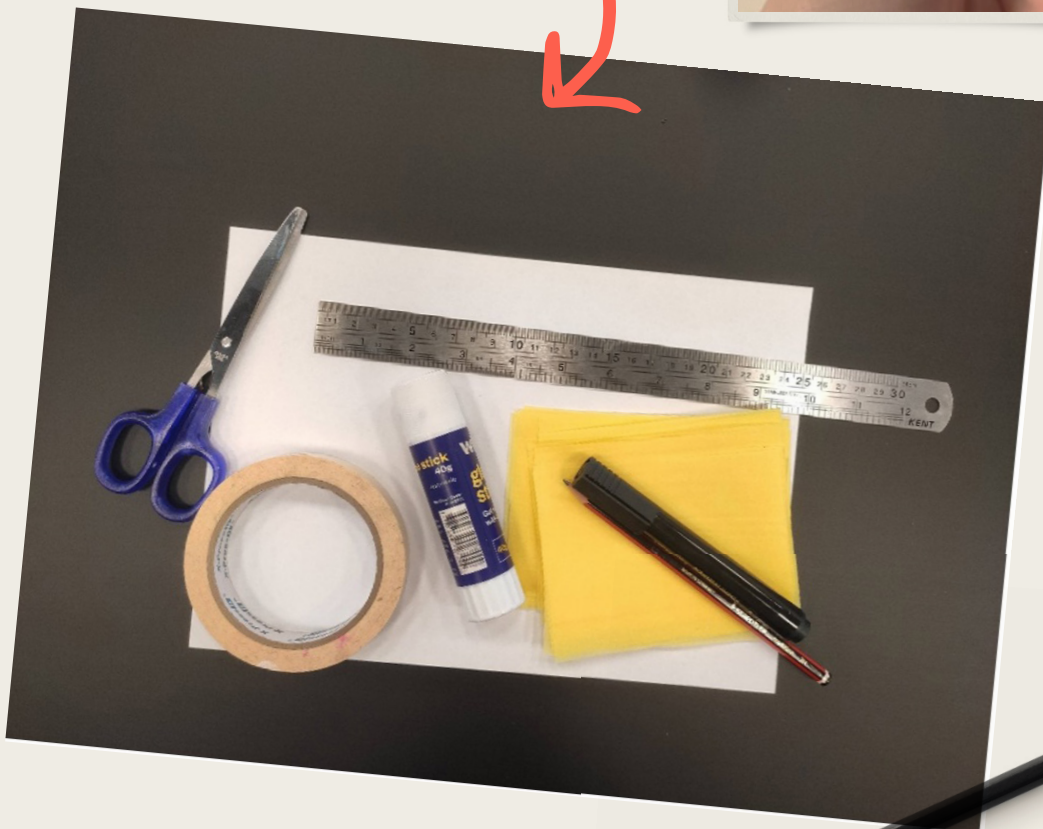
Louise Paramor
Blue Snake, 2001

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What you will need

- ✓ Two pieces of A4 plain paper
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Black marker
- ✓ Glue stick
- ✓ Masking tape
- ✓ Tissue paper
- ✓ Scissors



STEPS

- 1 Cut your tissue paper into rectangles they can be as big as you like but no smaller than 6cm x 10cm.

Make sure you have at least 50 rectangles.

- 2 Draw lines on your plain piece of paper with your marker, making sure they're 1cm apart.

If you have a large rectangle, you'll need more lines, so they almost reach the edge of the rectangle.

- 3 Label the lines A and B.

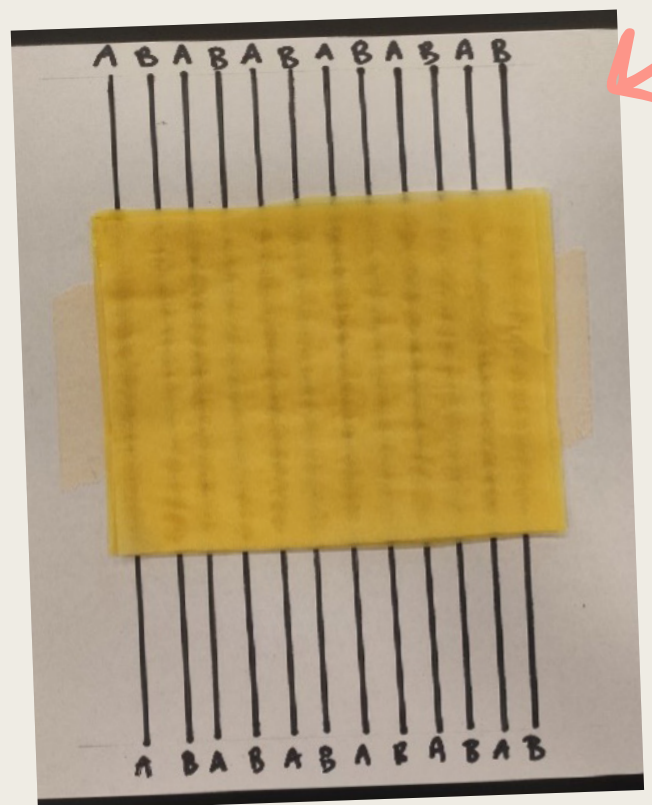
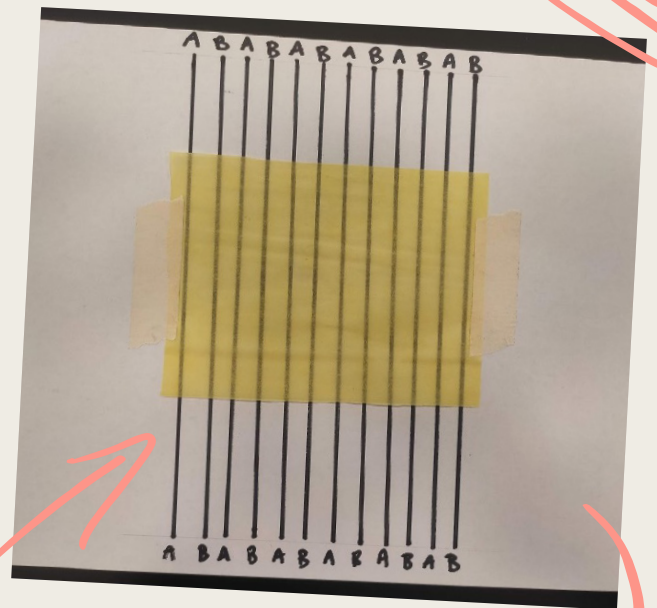
- 4 Secure your first layer of tissue paper onto the lined paper using masking tape.

- 5 Glue over the 'A' lines on your tissue paper.

- 6 Then put a layer of tissue paper on top.

- 7 Now glue over the 'B' lines and put a sheet of tissue paper on that.

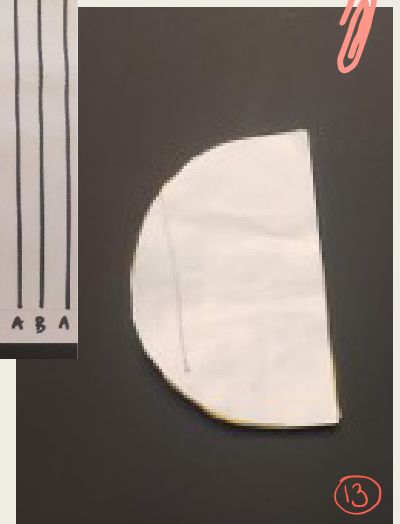
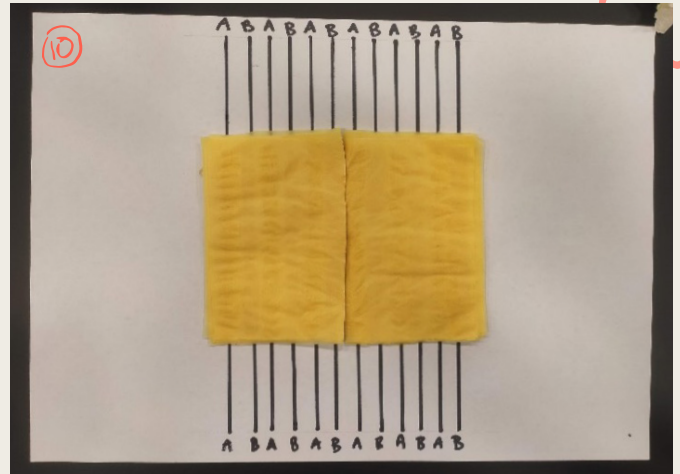
- 8 Repeat until you have no sheets of tissue paper left.



STEPS

- 9 Use masking tape to stick the paper on the table, making sure the columns are flat.
- 10 Remove the stack of tissue paper from the lined paper and cut in half.
- 11 Glue the stacks together and round the outer edges.
- 12 Using the stack as a stencil, cut out 2 plain pieces of paper in a semi-circle shape and stick it to either side of the stack.
- 13 Glue the two sides together
- 14 **Voila!**

Where will you display your finished piece?



WHY NOT TRY

Doing a different shape?
Like a circle to make a snake!

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF...

You label your lines A, B and C?
How would the pattern inside the paper change?

