

A Piece of Decalcomania

An activity of "Two Japanese designers who dared to think differently".

Read the article, "Two Japanese designers who dared to think differently" (page 20–21, *What's Up* September 2022).

PART I – Appreciate unique designs

1. Let's look at some clothing designed by Issey Miyake:

Sculpture of fashion? The Haute Couture of Issey Miyake

➤ <https://youtu.be/g4Ch0m8QhCc> (Artrageous with Nate, 15 Apr 2016)

Collections in Motion/ Folding Miyake Dress

➤ <https://youtu.be/Sw2gyvEQkQU> (Cooper Hewitt, 12 Feb 2014)

What is unique about Mr Miyake's designs? What did you like about the clothes?

What is unique about Miyake designs	What I like about the clothing

2. Let's look at some clothing designed by Hanae Mori:

East meets west at Mori's final show

➤ <https://youtu.be/L4tObYwryk8> (AP Archive, 21 Jul 2015)

Find more of Ms Mori's designs on this website:

➤ <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search?q=hanae+mori>

What is unique about Ms Mori's designs? What did you like about the clothes?

What is unique about Mori designs	What I like about the clothing

PART II – Create a design

3. Surrealist artists sometimes used accidental ink blots as a starting point for their artwork. Try doing this.

Make your own ink blots:

Step 1 - drop ink or watery paint on blank paper.

Step 2 - Fold the paper to repeat the shape or blot (press) with another sheet of paper to spread it into a random mark.

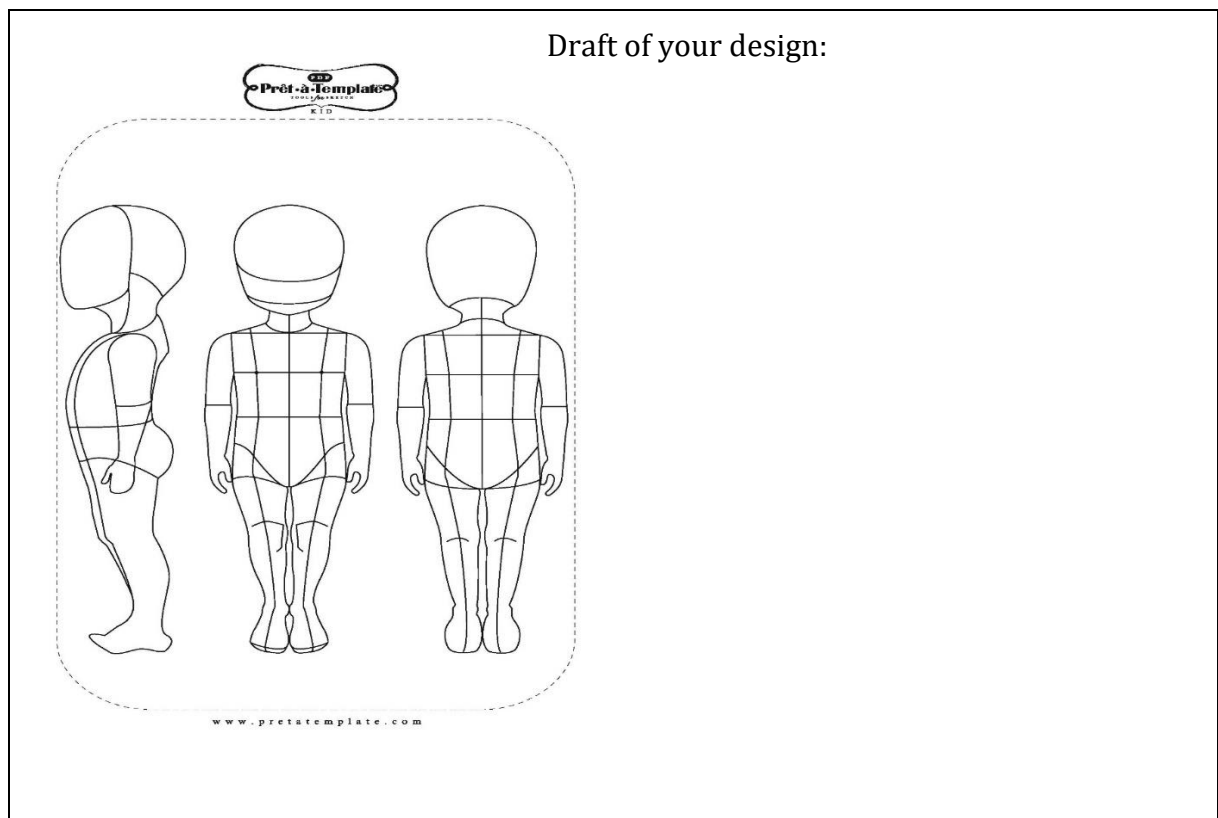
Step 3 - Once dry, turn the mark into whatever shape you can think of.

4. Try the technique using white glue, glitter, and food colouring. Watch this video to find out how:

Decalomania glue paint symmetry prints – lesson plan

➤ <https://youtu.be/qarUe13Wzwk> (Blick art materials, 20 July 20, 2013)

5. Think about how you might use your ink-blot designs on a piece of clothing for children e.g. T-shirt, dress or shirt. Be inspired by the fashion icons. Use the template below as a guide to draft your design.



6. Present the final version of your design on a fresh sheet of art paper. Share it with your friends. Have fun!