

# Stratford Arts Social: At Home

## With artist Louisa Tock



## Typology

Watch Louisa's instructional video here: [https://youtu.be/v8\\_DEYFUY0Y](https://youtu.be/v8_DEYFUY0Y)

Watch Louisa's introduction here: <https://youtu.be/oKMkrhJTn3c>

### Aim of activity

To explore the art of typology by collecting and recording your own typologies, using drawing skills or photography.

### You will need

- A collection of objects similar to each other - these can be an array of thimbles, or bobbins of thread, different coasters or a particular type of ornament, different shaped or coloured plant pots, keys or buttons. It can be absolutely anything.
- Pen/pencil and paper or a camera - depending on how you want to record your typology.

### Activity length

5 minutes, or longer if you feel like it

### Introduction to Typology

Typology is the collection, interpretation and classification of objects, recorded and arranged in order to observe and compare. In art, it is a fun way to look at your surroundings and reorder the ordinary in to something extraordinary.

### Instructions

1. Choose the collection of objects you would like to record and decide how you want to record them.

## Instructions continued

2. If you want to draw the objects:

2a. Fold your paper into a grid first, depending on the number of objects you have. For example, if you have eight objects, fold the paper 3 times in order to get 8 even sections. This will help you space your drawings.

2b. Draw each object separately in each section of the grid, taking care that they are the same size and the same style, to show that they are a part of the same collection.

3. If you want to photograph the objects:

3a. Arrange the objects on a plain background, like a sheet of paper or a clear table top, making sure they are evenly spaced in a grid fashion.

3b. Make sure they are all sitting/facing the same way, and take your photos, taking care to capture all the objects in the same shot.

## Reflection

- Did you collect your typologies inside? Have you looked outside? And vice versa.
- Can you think of other ways to record your typology?
- What did you enjoy the most, collecting, ordering and arranging or recording them?

We'd love to see what you have created! Tweet us your artwork @StratfordCircus, tag us on Instagram @stratford\_circus or find us on Facebook.

If you'd like to share or discuss your reflections on these exercises, please do email your thoughts or images to Colette via [colette@stratford-circus.com](mailto:colette@stratford-circus.com).



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