



PATHWAYS TO  
WELLBEING

## Venice Skylines!

THE  
HOLBURNE  
MUSEUM

Venice is coming to the Holburne Museum! This upcoming exhibition of Canaletto's Venetian scenes is the largest known collection of his paintings. They were commissioned by the 4th Duke of Bedford after his Grand Tour through Europe where he met Canaletto's agent, Joseph Smith, in Venice. Painted somewhere between 1733-1736, they now hang at Woburn Abbey - (see link) <https://www.woburnabbey.co.uk/abbey/abbeytoday/> Canaletto shows us classic views of the Grand Canal and the Piazza San Marco but also some of the city's less well-known nooks and crannies, rarely captured by other artists.



Have a look at these beautiful paintings. Canaletto was the son of a theatrical scene painter and his paintings depict the variety of buildings and skylines to be seen around the city. He liked a good composition which he portrayed a bit like a theatrical set, with canals, gondolas and boats in the foreground, the occasional bridge grand buildings, towers and domes.

### The Activity

To make a folded skyline based on the Venetian ones in Canaletto's paintings. Or create your own from what you can see out of your window or on a walk around where you live.



## What will I need?



- Paper or card, A4 or larger - you can use an old cereal packet, packaging card, or small box, something with a bit of stiffness is best.
- Pencil and ruler
- Scissors or craft knife (with cutting mat)
- Glue
- Any colours, if you want to decorate
- Black pen for outlining detail

## How to make your skyline

1. Draw your skyline onto your card about half way up, leave some space below the half-way line.
2. Use a selection of shapes, domes, towers, bridges - (*see paintings*).
3. Keep them clear and bold, unless you feel confident about adding fine details.
4. Once you're happy with the design, cut around your outline with scissors or a craft knife to create your silhouette.

You can cut the shapes separately or use a craft knife if you have one, then stick the shapes onto the background.

5. Using a ruler, fold your card against the ruler vertically (top to bottom) in at least 3 places
6. Make sure your folds are like a concertina by folding inwards then outwards then inwards again.
7. If you like you can add cut shapes from different coloured card or paper.
8. You can add lines to describe your buildings.
9. You can colour your silhouette in any way you like, abstract or like the paintings.

## 10. HAVE FUN!



## Share a photo of what you make

Send it to [e.blythe@holburne.org](mailto:e.blythe@holburne.org) and checkout  
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to see some of the things people have made this week



# Inspiration and Examples



Photo by in hiatus



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By Kathy Fahey



By Atelier l'Oeil et la main

**Links to some great folded skyline art  
by American artists -**

**Rob Dunlavey**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/robdunlavey/albums/72157622074013835/with/4321318835/>

**and Barbara Gilhooly**

[https://www.flickr.com/photos/gilhooly\\_studio/albums/72157631501382772](https://www.flickr.com/photos/gilhooly_studio/albums/72157631501382772)