

How to Annotate Your Sketchbook

What?

What is it? Explain the piece of work you are annotating.

Examples: This is a drawing from a photograph.....This is an experiment using weaving.....This is a collection of visual research about..... This is a copy of a painting by..... This is a mindmap about.....This is a copy that I made of.....This is some information about.....

Why?

Why did you Make it? Explain how this piece helps you in your project.

Examples: to get ideas about.....to get me thinking about.....to show what I learned.....to explore the idea of.....to analyse the style of.....to try out the technique of.....to develop my skill in.....

How?

How did you make it? Explain how you created the work.

Examples: I drew it using.....I painted it with.....I made it from.....I built it up by collaging.....I drew it from direct observation.....I painted it using watercolours.....

Quality

How Good Is It? What are you pleased with? What could you improve?

Examples: I am pleased with the way.....one thing I really like is.....one thing that has worked well is.....

I'm not happy with how.....one thing I could do better is.....I'm not happy with.....The least successful part

Learning

What Did You Learn? What are your next steps?

Examples: This has helped me to.....I think I will develop this further.....Next I will try.....To follow this I will.....

I feel more confident about.....I hope to.....to build on this I will.....