Design your own commemorative item!

In the Cumbria Museum of Military Life there are lots of objects that commemorate events, from medals and coins, to porcelein and plaques. People often collect souvenirs as a reminder of a person, place or important events.

Here are some examples of commemorative objects.



Create your own commemorative object to remember someone or something important to you. You could take inspirationd from the 75th anniversary of VE and VJ day this weekend, or 80th anniversary of The Battle of Britain or even something linked to our experiences of COVID and being in lockdown this year.



Grayson Perry is an artist who creates decorative arts such as pots and tapestries that tell stories of people, places and events.











Make your own Commemorative Object

You Will Need:

A plain object to work on eg,a ceramic plate, mug or bowl

or plain fabric/bag, or paper cup or plate

Permanent markers /Fabric markers or felt-tips

Be careful with surfaces /clothes as these will stain!

1.To make a plate, bowl or mug start by creating your design on paper. Then use permanent markers to draw outlines

2.Once you are happy with your outline begin to colour in. Start with the lightest colours first, take your time, let colours dry so that they don't smudge!

The objects that you have created are souvenirs and should not be used to eat from! You can buy special ceramic paints that you can bake in the oven if you would like to create something that you can use!



















Make your own Commemorative Bag

You Will Need:

A plain fabric bag, or T-shirt, facemask etc

Permanent markers /Fabric markers or crayons

Be careful with surfaces /clothes as these will stain!

- 1. Start by drawing your design onto a piece of paper.
- 2. When you are happy with it use a pencil to sketch it onto your fabric surface

3. Begin to draw out your outlines using your permanent markers/fabric pens

4. Colour in the spaces that you have outlined

5. If you have used fabric pens follow the instructions to 'set' your colours.

Carry with pride!





