

Child Engagement in Museums – DIY Colour-in Sheets

Carefully consider the themes in your museum collection & find related photos that you think will be appealing to children.

Scan the photos to create a digitised version of the photo.

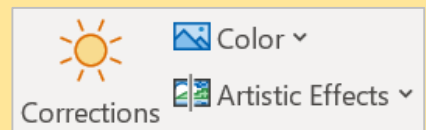
Insert the digitised image into a *Word* document and increase its size.



Apply a treatment to the image so that turns it into a black and white or grayscale version of the original image. In *Microsoft Word* use the following steps:

Highlight the image.

Click on the **Format** tab



Select **Artistic Effects** drop down menu and play around with which 'treatment' you think creates the best colour-in experience. (The treatment 'photocopy' is one that we use.)

Click on the **Colour** drop down menu and choose Black and White 75%.

Consider clicking on the **Corrections** drop down menu to sharpen the image.

Place your museum logo and website address on the page in a fashion that doesn't detract from the image itself.

Print it out, have a go at colouring it in yourself to check that it 'feels right' for colouring.

Print or photocopy your final draft a few times and have a small pile of them ready with textas, crayons or pencils, for the young visitors to your museum.

Be sure to take some photos of your colour-in station in the museum, upload them to your social media platforms, and invite people to come in and do some colouring!