

Sourcing Project 2025

Hello and welcome to First Year Art & Design Studies.

Now you've got your place we'd like you to think about what you bring with you on your first day. Please put together a collection of things that interest you. This could be items or objects from where you live or things that you've considered in your portfolio, project work and experiences up to this point.

These collections could be of interest to you in terms of meaning, material, colour, form and function. Collect objects that would be good to dismantle into smaller parts to make new work with (e.g., broken mechanical objects, electronic devices, old toys, watches or clocks, hinges, fasteners, buttons, nuts and bolts, screws, magnets, needle and thread, fabrics, wallpapers, old books and magazines etc.)

Here are some thought starters:

- Something containing interesting fragments (e.g., a jewellery box)
- A piece of writing or text (e.g., an old book, poem or train ticket)
- A wearable feature of interest (e.g., an old shirt or a shoe)
- 3 x objects that hold meaning (e.g., a family photograph or a letter)
- An object that has changed physically (e.g., dried leaves or a broken cup)
- 3 x contrasting and complex objects that can be taken apart
- 3 x 'well designed' objects that will last
- A range of objects with interesting colours
- An object that makes a sound.

Checklist:

Bring your Sourcing Project with you on the first day along with your own art materials and 6/8 pieces from your portfolio. No precious or valuable items that you are not prepared to cut up, break apart etc.

Consider how to display your objects/collections on your wall when you arrive.

Your art materials should be contained in a strong plastic toolbox or suitcase that you will move between project spaces. Ideally this will be lockable for security and must have wheels for mobility. **No bigger than 48x30x63cm.**

The top floor of the design building, which houses part of the First Year studies, acts as a Greenhouse. We'd like to encourage you to build a collection of indoor plants grown by you which will thrive throughout your time in the National College of Art & Design. On your first day you can bring a small container with soil and a seed to be sown. This could also be a small plant, a pip or a cutting from a larger plant—please make sure this can survive indoors.

We are looking forward to working with you.