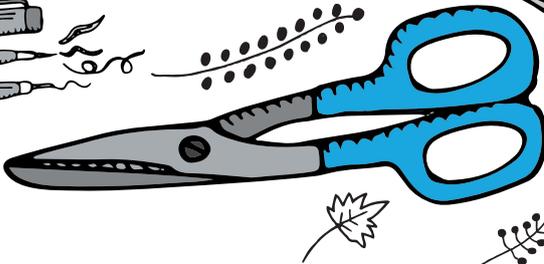
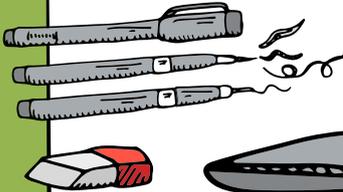
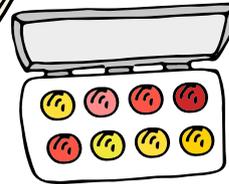
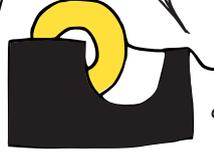
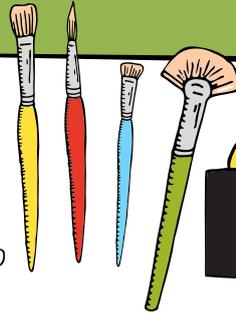
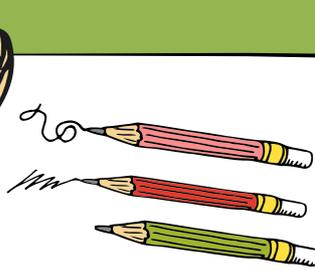


# CREATE YOUR OWN FAIRYTALE & FOLKLORE CHARACTER



## YOU WILL NEED:

- A3 or A4 Plain drawing paper
- Pencils
- Collage materials (old magazines, newspapers, clean packaging from your recycling, wrapping paper, fabric scraps, foraged natural materials such as leaves, twigs, etc)
- Glue stick or liquid glue (water-based), sellotape and/or stapler (good for attaching fabric and natural materials)
- Scissors
- Fairytale picture books/internet

## INSTRUCTIONS:

**Step 1:** Decide which of the 5 parade sections you would like to design a character for. You can choose from the **Woodlands, Hedgerows, Meadows, Waterways** and the **Town**. Check the Uillinn website for inspiration and images, as well as signature colours for each section. Have a look through your fairytale books and online for inspiration.

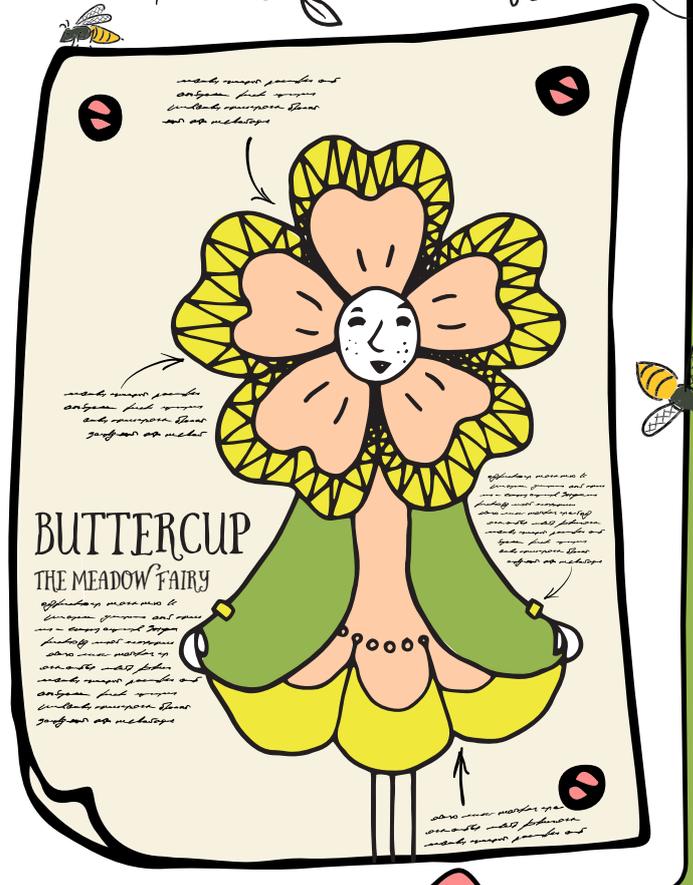
**Step 2:** Here is a character template which you can copy or print at home. Gather collage materials that are a good match for your character, start cutting them out and attaching them to the page. Ask yourself the following questions:

**'What might they wear on their...'**

- head/face?
- top half?
- bottom half?
- feet?

**Step 3:** Consider colours, textures and words that help you to imagine the personality of your character. You don't have to stop with their clothes - might they carry something with them, like a wand or a staff? Do they have magical powers? Or a pet/familiar? Make notes on your page around the character to record your ideas. This is a sketch, not a finished artwork, so it doesn't have to be perfect! Keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it throughout the creative process. Your ideas may change once you actually start making.

**Step 4:** (Optional) If you feel inspired, write a story about your character and send it to us! We'd love to hear more about your characters.



Share images of what you make on Instagram and Facebook using the hashtag:

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