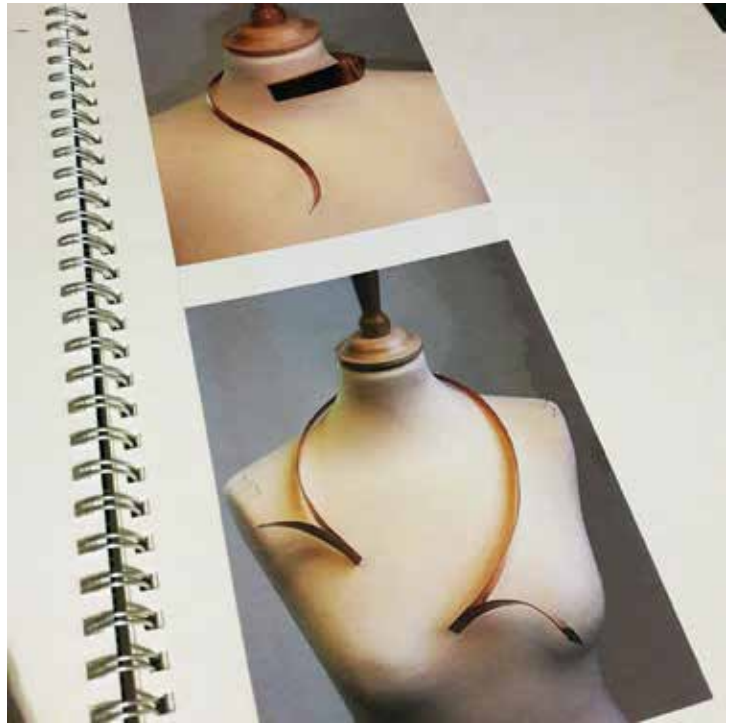


# DESIGN; - SKETCHBOOKS

Whatever you are working on, keeping a book or file of some sort is really useful. Sketchbooks can hold your notes, ideas, tips, information about techniques you used and will help you plan future projects.

A sketchbook is for your own reference, so you can do what you like in them and make them your own – however you like to work and whatever you think will be useful to you – below are some ideas to get you started.



You can keep a single book or file to cover both technical notes and project ideas/images / inspiration, or keep them separately – whatever works best for you. They can be as fancy or simple as you like, but the more effort you put into keeping them updated, the more useful they can be to you for reference in the future.

**SKETCHBOOKS** are great to collect ideas for new projects as well as to help you work out the details of a new project before you start. A sketchbook is a general book for working out and developing your design ideas and keeping ideas together. It can be a scrapbook of bits you've stuck in – magazine cuttings, photos, or a book of drawings and sketches, or a mixture of the two.

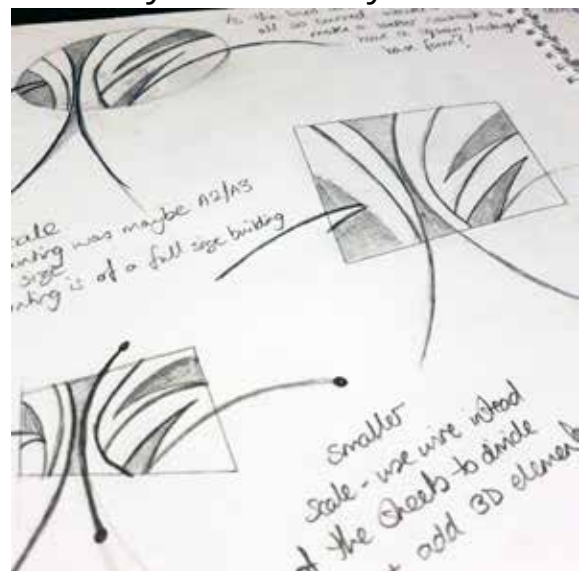
- It doesn't matter if you don't think you can draw! The key is whether you will know what you meant if you come back to that page in a year's time!

- If your drawing isn't so clear – add notes to it to help explain it.

- Add cuttings from magazines of jewellery you like, or that sparks an idea for you.

- You don't have to like all of an image for it to be useful - if you spot a picture that has a colour you love or (for example) an idea for a clasp, even if you don't like the rest, it can be useful.

- Don't limit your inspiration to other jewellery



- you can take ideas for future designs from anything - flowers, animals, architecture, fashion, food and all sorts of other things.

- If you work a lot at a computer or on your phone, you might also like to use Pinterest or Instagram to make online collections or scrapbooks of ideas and inspiration.

## **A SKETCHBOOK CAN BE;** -

- A collection of ideas
- A scrapbook
- A collection of things that inspire you
- Used to work out designs
- Used to develop and refine designs
- A collection of notes and reminders, or questions you think of
- Used for brainstorming
- Used for doodling
- A photo diary
- A to-do list
- A reminder of ideas that you don't have time for now, but may want to come back to
- A piece of artwork in itself



## **A SKETCHBOOK CAN BE FULL OF;** -

- Drawings
- Doodles
- Written notes
- Diagrams
- Collages
- Magazine cuttings / printouts
- Postcards
- Photos
- Brainstorms
- Drawn directly on the pages
- Stuck in drawings or notes



## **USEFUL RESOURCES**

Old magazines, postcards, catalogues, coloured papers, tracing paper, graph paper, a selection of pens & pencils, glue or double sided tape, scissors

Have a look also at - Google Images - [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com) - [www.instagram.com](http://www.instagram.com) - [www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com) - and check out "the Sketchbook Project"