

Peacock Hunt



Peacocks look very proud of their beautiful feathers. And so they should be! They have been used to decorate lots of Ashmolean objects. Will you spot any peacocks strutting around the museum today?

Go to the Lower Ground Floor, gallery 7: Money

Find a big golden coin with this peacock design on it. It is in a glass case along the wall, called 'Using Money.'



Which country does it come from?

Go up to Level 1, go to gallery 30: Mediterranean



Find these beautiful wooden doors.

Spot the peacocks near the top of the doors.

What other animals are carved there?

Now imagine opening the doors and walking through. What do you think you would find on the other side: a secret garden, a palace...?

Stay on Level 1, go to gallery 33: Mughal India

Find this flint striker in a glass case along the wall. By striking this against a stone, it is possible to make enough sparks to get a fire going.



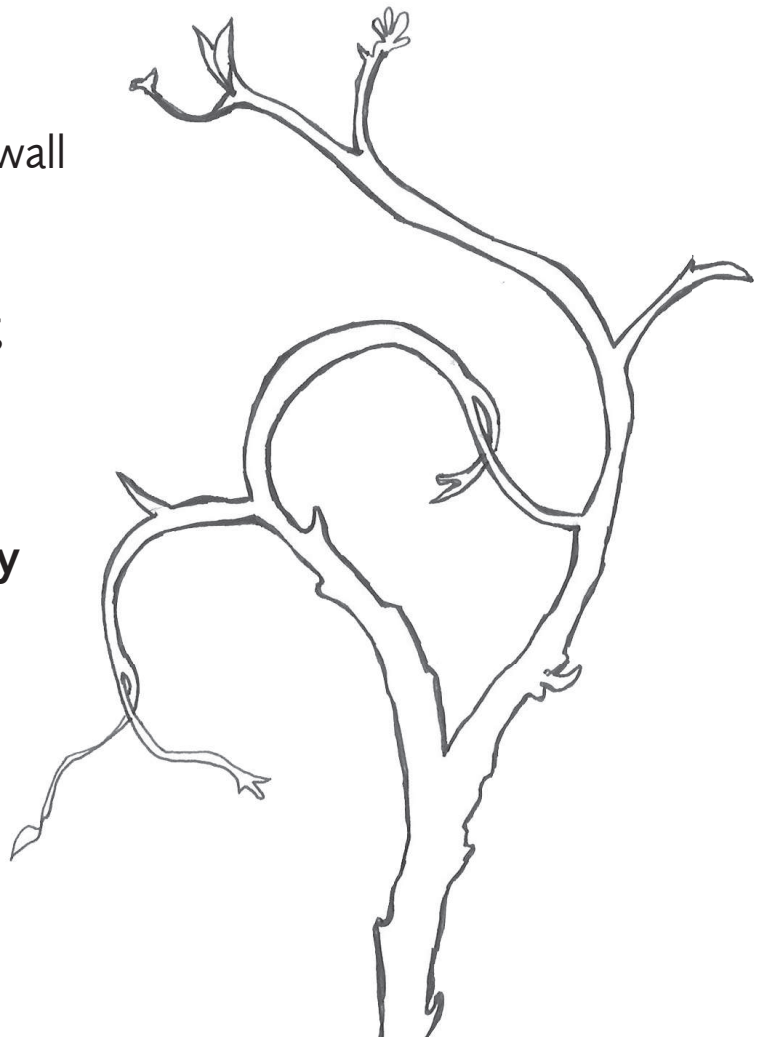
What material do you think this peacock is made of?

Go up to Level 2, go to gallery 35: West meets East

Find an wall hanging embroidered with a tree and flowers. Look carefully at the decoration on the wall hanging.

Can you spot a peacock hiding amongst the branches?

Now try drawing your own decoration on to this tree. Why not draw on some of the other animals you can see on the hanging.



Stay on Level 2, go to gallery 39: Music and Tapestry

Find this giant tapestry hanging on the wall.

Take a close look at the tapestry (but please don't touch it, as it is very old and fragile).

Can you spot the peacock? Look at the stitches in the peacocks feathers.



Go in any gallery you like

Can you spot any other animals on any objects in the museum?

Write down the names of any animals you can see, OR draw a picture of something you like in the space below.

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Well done! You've finished.

What a lot of peacocks!