



Animate the Bridge

Tower Bridge stop-motion animation

Have you watched artist Di Mainstone's fantastical film about Tower Bridge? In the film, Di imagines that Tower Bridge becomes festooned (covered) with plants. To make it look like this in the film, Di used animation. You too can be an animator, and create your very own plant-covered Tower Bridge.

Can you create a film which shows Tower Bridge being covered in plants?

Method

1 Get a picture of Tower Bridge, you can print the one on the next page and colour it in, or draw your own.

2 Gather a collection of green, natural items. If you have a garden, you could collect leaves, grass and petals to add to your animation (check with a grown-up first!) or you could use items you find in your home. Look for items that are not too large compared to your drawing, as you will want to add to your animation gradually. You could use scraps of material, buttons, cut out shapes from magazines... let your imagination run wild!

3 Begin by taking a photo of your drawing with nothing on it. Now, place one or two of your green finds on your drawing and take another photo.

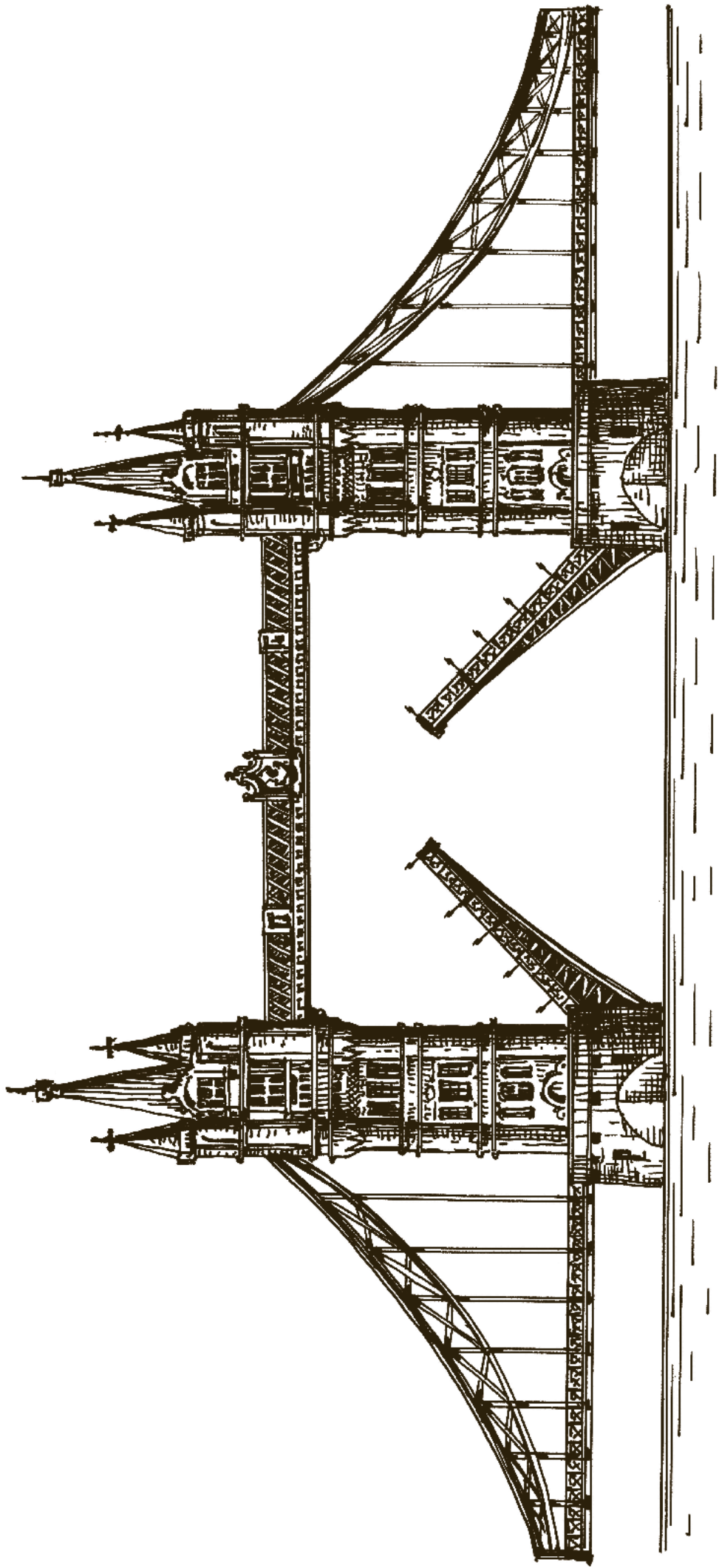
4 Continue adding bits and taking photos each time until your picture is covered in greenery. You could make it look like leaves are growing across the bridge by moving them slightly between each shot. You may want to make sure that parts of the Bridge are still visible underneath your items – or you may want to cover it completely!

5 When done, use a gif app or website to pull all the images together into an animation (such as giphy.com/create, but you'll need to sign up so ask an adult).

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