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## Gift Lab FAQ

### ***Why gifts? Why not stick to books?***

Because we all learn through playing: from lion cubs and puppies to school kids and families...

Books are wonderful, but there is no better way of approaching a new subject than by having fun with it. (Not to mention that other fact, which book publishers tend to ignore ... not everyone reads books!)

### ***So this is all just a bit of fun?***

Not just that. These gifts, games and jigsaws are no less rich or original than our books. Each one represents a new way of conveying content. They are books by other means.

### ***But isn't everyone doing this kind of thing at the moment?***

There has certainly been a bit of a 'gift gold rush' in the last few years, with major publishing groups investing heavily, often indiscriminately, in gifts. As a result, the market has been enveloped by cheap gifts and games.

We are doing the opposite of that.

### ***How will your gifts be different?***

We will be pitching our gifts one level above anything that has been published before. Staying true to the Thames & Hudson DNA, these titles will have the highest production values. We will also raise the bar on all other fronts: producing gifts with better content, working with ground-breaking illustrators and championing expertise with leading authors.

Oh, yes, and let's not forget that creative spark. We will be working with amazing creatives across the board.

Welcome to our T&H Gift Lab.

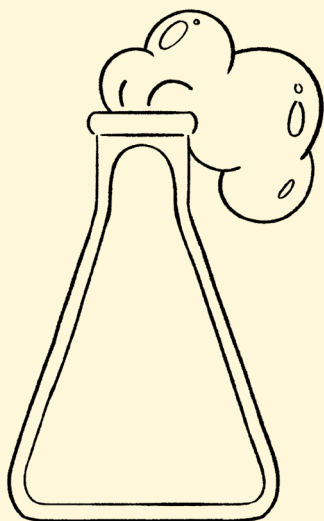
**Marc Valli**  
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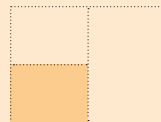
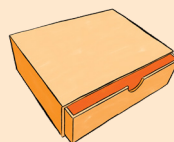
You'll know a Gift Lab title when you see one. With a signature box and an innovative modular design, our formats have been designed to stand out from anything else on the market. Here's a sneak peek at what you can expect:

- All our boxes will have drawers and proper containers, suggesting 'content' and 'keepsake'. Once you have finished playing a game or assembling a jigsaw you can put all the parts back into the drawer.
- They will also have a distinctive and carefully thought-out visual identity with bold coloured drawers and patterned liners. We never use shrink-wrapping.
- Individual titles stack together to form a larger unit with multiple pull-out drawers. You'll quickly find yourself becoming a collector.

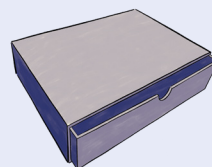
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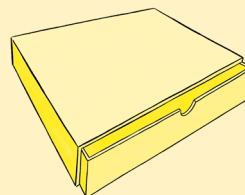
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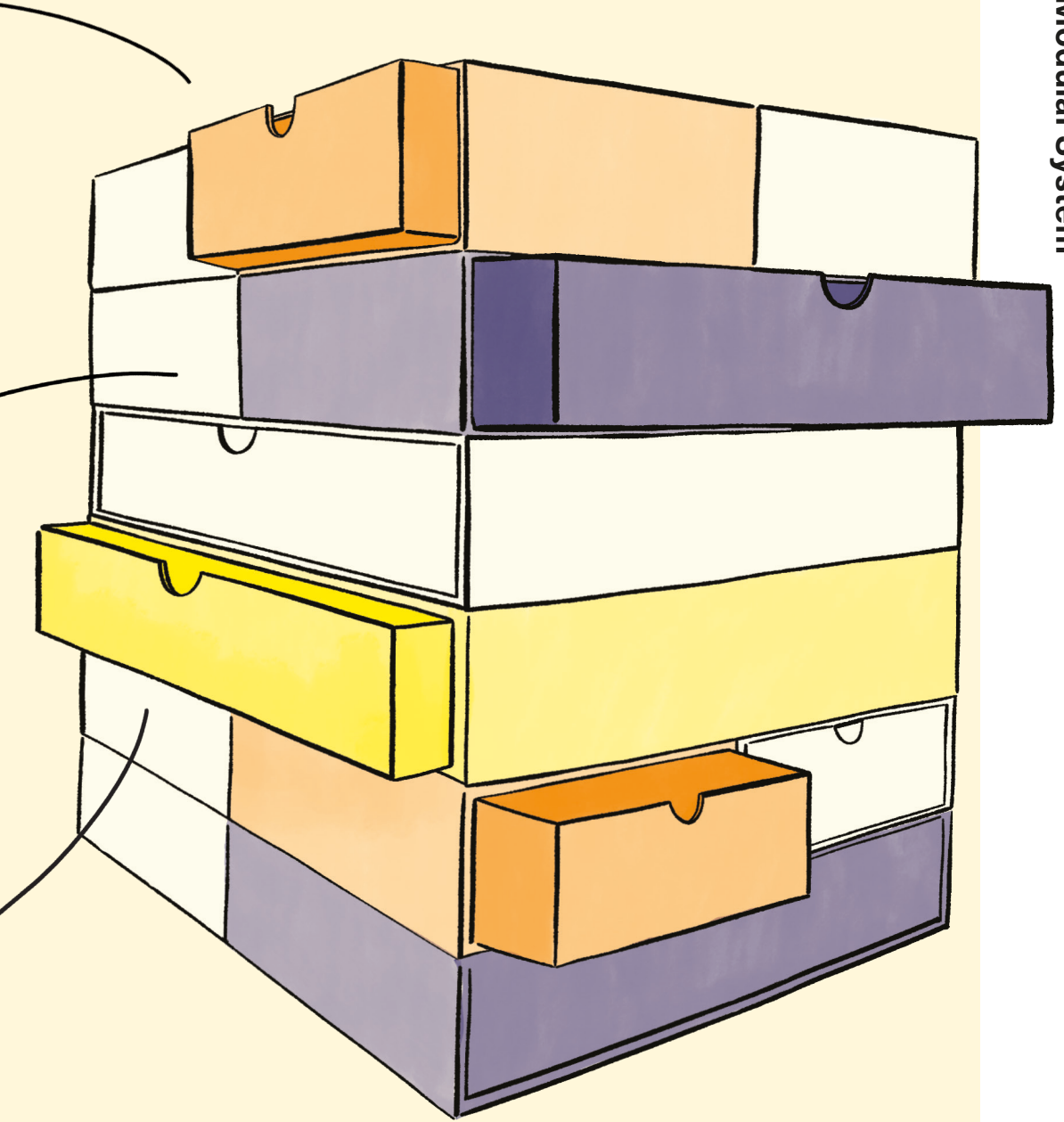


Format B  
21.6 × 14.4 × 50 cm



Format A  
28.8 × 21.6 × 5.0 cm





We are working with seminal illustrators from around the world. They include:

- Manjit Thapp
- Laura Callaghan
- Iratxe López de Munáin
- Grace Helmer
- Yuval Zommer
- Good Wives and Warriors
- Daniel Frost
- Leanne Bock
- Michelle Mildenberg Lara

These talented visual inventors will be assisted by leading writers and specialists including Susie Hodge, Daisy Dunn, Robert Shore, Alice Harman, Lydia Miller, Jenny Jacoby and Susannah Frieze. Each selected author is an expert in their field and will be trusted to educate, excite and inspire the Gift Lab audience.

Daniel Frost



Iratxe López de Munáin



Yuval Zommer

# The Artists in our Lab...

Leanne Book



Good Wives and Warriors



Manjit Thapp



Laura Callaghan



Grace Helmer



Michelle Miltenberg Lara



Susie Hodge is a bestselling author, art historian, artist and journalist. She is the author of more than one hundred books for adults and children. Her previous books include *How Art Can Change Your Life* and *Why is Art Full of Naked People?*, both by Thames & Hudson. **Grace Helmer** is a freelance illustrator based in Brighton, UK. She is known for her gestural yet precise illustrations painted in oil. Previous clients include Apple, *The New Yorker* and Penguin Random House.

Box with drawer: 28.8 × 21.6 × 5.0 cm  
 1000-piece jigsaw: 68.0 × 48.5 cm  
 12-panel concertina fold-out  
 ISBN 978 0 500 421048  
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## The Story of Art in 1000 Pieces

### A Narrative Jigsaw Puzzle

Susie Hodge  
Illustrated by Grace Helmer

*Embark on a captivating 1000-piece journey through art history with this jigsaw puzzle. Trace the evolution of human expression from the first drawings to modern-day masterpieces*

Format A



- A puzzle that entertains and educates: the concertina fold-out reveals the story behind each scene illustrated on the jigsaw.
- Injects art history with the unexpected: learn about the coffin makers of Accra, the Nazca lines of Peru and the printmakers of Edo Japan.
- Includes fifty illustrations meticulously hand painted in oil.

New to art history and puzzled about where to start? Try piecing together this beautifully illustrated timeline featuring fifty key moments in art history. This jigsaw traces the story of art, starting at Blombos Cave, the oldest known workshop where the first drawings were discovered. Step inside the studio of Artemisia Gentileschi, follow Sebastião Salgado as he documents life in the Amazon and uncover Emperor Qin Shi Huang's vast Terracotta Army. This is perfect for puzzlers who want a fun introduction to art history.





## The Odyssey in 1000 Pieces

### A Storytelling Jigsaw Puzzle

Daisy Dunn  
Illustrated by Good Wives  
and Warriors

*Odysseus' homecoming  
in 1000 pieces: dive into  
Homer's timeless epic  
with this jigsaw puzzle  
and concertina fold-out,*

- The illustrators know the story inside out and have included countless clever details. For instance, Penelope's pesky suitors are formed from the threads of her loom.
- Greek mythology is as popular as ever, with the trend for modern retellings continuing to grow.
- Daisy Dunn's text is concise and engaging, making it a family-friendly introduction to Homer's epic poem.

Homer's *Odyssey*, pre-dating the invention of writing in ancient Greece, is revived in this stunning 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle. Encounter the one-eyed Cyclops, who feasts on the flesh of men; bewitching women, who charm with songs and spells; and meddling gods and goddesses, who shape the hero's fate.

Follow Odysseus' journey using the accompanying concertina, exploring nineteen key scenes. Daisy Dunn's text will ignite new interest in one of the world's oldest and greatest poems. Get ready for a modern take on this ancient masterpiece.

Format A



Daisy Dunn is an award-winning author, classicist and cultural critic based in London. She is a leading authority in her field and a regular commentator and columnist, writing for *The Spectator*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Literary Review*.

Good Wives and Warriors are a collaborative duo also based in London. They divide their time between designing large-scale installations for fine art settings and undertaking illustration commissions from a range of clients, including the BBC, Laurence King and Urban Outfitters.

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Jigsaw puzzle

### The Homecoming

**12 Telemachus**

Odysseus' teenage son, Telemachus, arrives in Ithaca to discover the fate of his father. After a long journey, he meets the suitors and the goddess Athena, who helps him to find his father.

**13 Penelope**

Penelope is left in charge of her husband's household. She waits for Odysseus to return, but is besieged by suitors who want to marry her. She uses her cunning to keep her husband's bed and the suitors away.

**14 The storm**

Finally, the gods instruct Odysseus to release Calypso. Now a prisoner for seven years, she decides to set an anchor stone, although the gods are angry.

**15 The island of Scheria**

Odysseus arrives at the island of Scheria, home to the goddess Circe. He is transformed into a pig by her magic, but later returns to his human form.

**16 Poseidon**

The vengeful god Odysseus despised and the most arrogant, when he decides to set an anchor stone to escape his stormy journey.

**17 The beggar**

Finally, Odysseus has returned to Ithaca. He is disguised as a beggar to test the loyalty of his family and to reveal the suitors' true nature. He is helped by the goddess Athena.

**18 The suitors**

The cruel suitors who pursued the young wife of Odysseus are finally punished by Poseidon. They are killed and their bodies are thrown into the sea.

**19 The end**

After a long journey, Odysseus returns to his home. He is reunited with his family and the goddess Athena. The story ends with Odysseus' death and the goddess Athena's final act.

### Homer

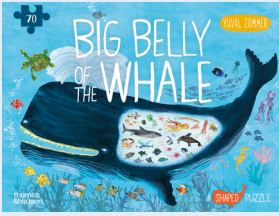
The ancient Greek poet Homer is believed to have lived in the 8th century BC. He is the author of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*, two of the most important works of ancient Greek literature. His works are the basis of Western literature and have inspired countless artists, writers, and thinkers.

### The Power of the *Odyssey*

The *Odyssey* is a masterpiece of ancient Greek literature. It tells the story of Odysseus' journey home from the Trojan War. The poem is a celebration of the human spirit and the power of the gods. It is a story of courage, resilience, and the triumph of good over evil.

Long may this continue.

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## The Big Belly of the Whale

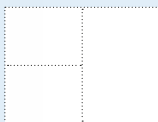
A Shaped Jigsaw Puzzle by Yuval Zommer

Yuval Zommer

For ages 3+

*Piece together this 70-piece, whale-shaped puzzle to discover all your favourite ocean creatures beautifully illustrated by Yuval Zommer*

Format A



- Jumbo-sized shaped puzzle with individual shaped pieces including a shark, sea lion, crab and turtle.
- Provides a gentle entry into sustainability for children. With a plastic bag floating around in the whale's belly, we introduce children to the dangers of plastic and to the threats to our ocean.
- Launches our range of Zommer puzzles – beautiful shaped puzzles that you'll want to do over and over again or frame as a piece of art. Keep an eye out for *The Big Biodiversity Jigsaw* in 2025.

Have you ever wondered what might be inside a whale's belly? Piece together this whale-shaped puzzle before peeking into its belly to spot plankton, fish, squid, octopus, and whatever else this whale had for lunch!



Yuval Zommer is an author, illustrator and environmentalist based in London. He studied at the Royal College of Art and worked for many years as a creative director at leading advertising agencies before becoming an author and illustrator. His award-winning *Big Book* series (Thames & Hudson) has now been published in thirty languages and has over 2 million copies in print.

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Shaped jigsaw puzzle  
Fold-out poster  
ISBN 978 0 500 421116  
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Jigsaw puzzle



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Box with drawer: 28.8 × 21.6 × 5.0 cm  
Gameboard: 38.0 × 41.0 cm,  
folded to 19.0 × 20.5 cm  
8 double-sided player cards,  
150 counters, 48 tokens,  
instruction booklet  
ISBN 978 0 500 421123  
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£20.00





## Bugtastic Bingo

### A Game for All Ages

Yuval Zommer

For ages 3+

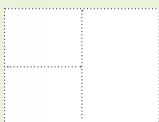
*Bugtastic Bingo brings to life forty-eight bugs that will make you squirm, squeal and scream in this family game by Yuval Zommer*

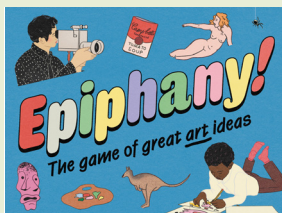
- Fifteen all new, never-before-seen Zommer bugs join fan-favourite bugs from bestselling *The Big Book of Bugs*.
- **Learn through play:** introduce kids to the wonderful world of nature. The game also comes with a booklet bursting with bugtastic facts.
- **Family game that will appeal to all ages**, perfect for big families, gatherings and even parties.
- **An exciting new format** for Yuval's established audience.
- **Growing series:** keep your eyes peeled for *Beastly Bingo* coming in 2025.

Butterfly, ladybug, spider – what's your favourite bug to spot in the garden? A classic family game is brought to life through the art of Yuval Zommer as children, families and even adults immerse themselves in the bizarre world of insects and bugs, eagerly waiting to yell out BINGO!

Open the box to discover a game board, eight double-sided player cards, 150 counters, forty-eight bug tokens and a booklet filled with creepy, crawly facts.

Format A





## Epiphany!

### The Game of Great Art Ideas

Robert Shore  
Illustrated by Michelle  
Mildeberg Lara

*From revelation to creation: play this memory game to learn about twenty-five thrilling 'eureka' moments in art history from 1907 to today*

- **Memory games are perennial classics:** they are played across different cultures and by almost every age group.
- **A unique angle on art history,** this is the first gift product focusing on artist epiphanies.
- **Beautifully illustrated scenes** will capture the imaginations of players.
- **Features engaging and accessible text:** learn about the day Judy Chicago announced her new name, Yayoi Kusama's first flight over the Pacific Ocean and Jackson Pollock's discovery of Native American sand paintings.

Have you ever pondered the ground-breaking moment an artist came up with a great idea? *Epiphany!* is a new and exciting twist on the ever-popular memory game. Each pair of cards depicts a different artist's epiphany as a split scene, elevating the gameplay with added sophistication.

From Picasso's transformative encounter with African art in 1907 to the pivotal exhibition that led to the formation of the Guerrilla Girls in 1985, each matching pair invites players to flip open the accompanying booklet and read the stories behind the epiphanies.

Format C





1887-1986  
**Georgia O'Keeffe**

The 'mother of American modernism' Georgia O'Keeffe had already enjoyed a storied career before she first laid eyes on the Taos mountains in 1929. In the preceding decade she had been based in New York, where she created her celebrated paintings of magnified flowers, not to mention skyscrapers. But her discovery of New Mexico would revolutionize her practice, and she would travel around the desert in her Ford Model A, collecting rocks and animal skulls, which would become distinctive motifs in her work. 'Such a beautiful, untouched lonely feeling place, such a fine part of what I call the "Faraway"; she would comment of New Mexico, which became her permanent home from 1949.'

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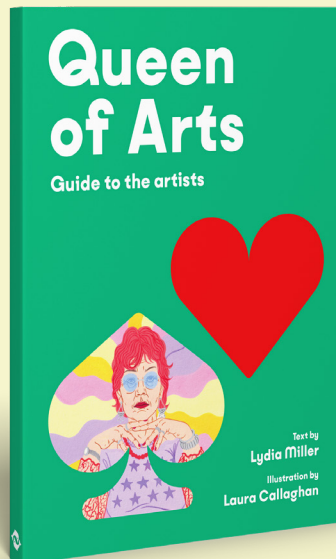


Robert Shore is the author of several books about contemporary art and photography, including *Beg, Steal and Borrow: Artists Against Originality*, *Andy Warhol* and *Yayoi Kusama*. He worked for many years as an arts reviewer and as the editor of *Elephant* magazine. **Michelle Mildenberg Lara** is an illustrator from Bogotá, now living in Amsterdam. Michelle works digitally with a focus on figurative drawing. She teaches on a remote basis at University of Los Andes. Previous clients include UNESCO, *The New York Times* and Refinery29.

Box with drawer: 14.4 × 10.8 × 5.0 cm  
50 cards: 8.8 × 6.6 cm  
56pp perfect bound booklet: 8.8 × 12.5 cm  
ISBN 978 0 500 421093  
October  
£16.99

Lydia Miller, Assistant Curator at Pallant House Gallery, holds a PhD in History of Art from the University of York. Previously, she was Chanel Assistant Curator for the *Reframing Narratives: Women in Portraiture* project at the National Portrait Gallery, London. She is also the author of *Inspirational Women: Rediscovering Stories in Art, Science and Social Reform*. **Laura Callaghan** is an Irish illustrator based in Belfast, renowned for her visually rich female-centric illustrations, hand painted in watercolour, gouache and isograph pen.

Box with drawer: 14.4 × 10.8 × 5.0 cm  
 54 playing cards  
 116-page book  
 13.4 × 10.0 cm  
 ISBN 978 0 500 421079  
 September  
 £14.99





## Queen of Arts

### Women artists book and playing cards

Lydia Miller  
Illustrated by Laura Callaghan

*Reshuffle art history with Queen of Arts, a beautifully illustrated deck of playing cards and book spotlighting the lives, work and legacies of fifty-four remarkable women*

- A unique take on the classic deck of playing cards that challenges the traditional art canon. *Queen of Arts* showcases fifty-four remarkable women artists from the 1500s to today.
- Comes complete with a 116-page book featuring text by specialist Lydia Miller, explaining the thoughtful curation of the suits and delving into the life, work and legacy of each artist.
- Renowned illustrator Laura Callaghan's female-focused work boasts a substantial social media following, making her the perfect advocate for this product.
- Illustrations packed with clever details that nod to the life and work of each artist.

Did you know that the four suits of a modern-day deck of playing cards once represented the four classes of society in medieval France? Hearts represented the clergy, Spades the nobility, Diamonds the merchants and Clubs the peasants. Author Lydia Miller has reimagined these suits as Seers, Warriors, Influencers and Dissenters, curating the fifty-four women artists featured based on these categories. Laura Callaghan's striking, detail-packed illustrations will make you want to dive into the accompanying guide to learn about each artist.



## Bigger Than This

### The Ultimate Science Showdown

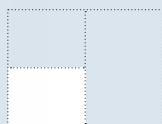
Jenny Jacoby

Illustrated by Daniel Frost

For ages 5+

*Grab your gloves and your lab coat and prepare to explore chemistry, zoology, botany and astronomy in this ultimate science showdown*

Format C



- A STEM-based strategic family game where players will learn the relative size of fifty-two items within four different fields of science.
- The game comes with a 116-page booklet authored by expert children's science writer Jenny Jacoby. It is bursting with interesting, wacky and surprising facts about all the items in the game.
- The gameplay features a 'challenging mode' – an extra rule (a very strategic one!) that can be added to the existing gameplay to keep older children and advanced players excited about the game.
- Award-winning artist Daniel Frost brings the illustrations to life.

Did you know that planet Earth is bigger than Mars? Or that you brushed your teeth with a chemical element this morning? Can you name a plant that eats insects? How about an animal that is louder than a jet engine?

In *Bigger Than This*, the four suits have been replaced by four different fields of science – chemistry, zoology, botany and astronomy.

Jenny Jacoby writes and edits books and magazines for children. From writing science activity books to inspiring profiles, puzzles and quizzes, she is passionate about making information fun. Daniel Frost is an award-winning graduate of the Royal College of Art. His work blends modern images with traditional mediums.

Box with drawer: 14.4 × 10.8 × 5.0 cm  
 60 cards: 10.6 × 7.0 cm  
 Instruction and educational booklet  
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