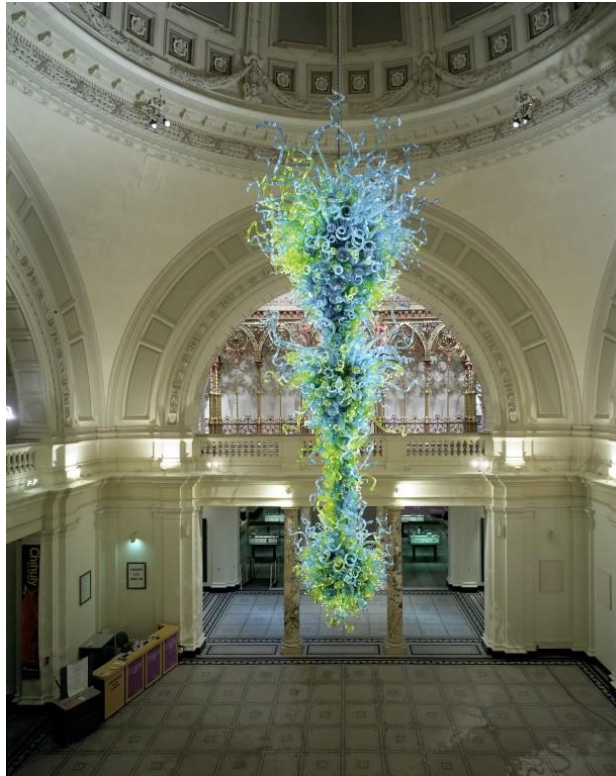


## Studio workshop: Explore, Build, Play

*A studio based workshop led by architect Rute Nieto Ferreira*



V&A Interior, Grand entrance © Victoria and Albert Museum, London

### Key Stage & Subject links:

- KS 2
- Design & Technology and Art & design

### Summary:

Work with architect Rute Nieto Ferreira in this hands on studio workshop. Students will be encouraged to investigate structures and forms and will question, what is architecture, what do architects do and what inspires them? After exploring the Architecture gallery with Rute, students are invited to re-imagine the museum's grand entrance as a playground and make models of fantastic play structures for it. Students will be shown a technique using wooden sticks and elastic bands to help them build and model structures to convey their ideas.

### Galleries visited:

- Architecture, Rooms 127 & 128, Level 4
- Grand Entrance, Level 1

### Information about the designer:

Rute Nieto Ferreira is an architect living and working in London. Born in Porto, Portugal in 1981, she came to study at the University of Westminster in 2000 and in 2006 graduated from the Royal College of Art.



The big letter hunt, Rute Nieto Ferreira ©Rute Nieto Ferreira

For the past eight years she has been collaborating with Anne Thorne Architects, overseeing projects for schools, children's centres, community organisations and housings associations, both retrofit and green new buildings. An on-going exploration into the theory and practicalities of learning through play include her MA dissertation Playful Spaces

**NC Links:** This workshop will contribute towards the following learning:

- To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- Generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology
- Select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks

### Follow up activities:

What would you do to your school playground? Develop your ideas further using the techniques learnt in the workshop. Suggest your ideas to the head teacher!