

The Hare, the Cow and the Penguin

So what to do with your time, when usually you go out walking in evenings and weekends? My mum was a bit of an artist, painting was her passion. It was something I always aspired to. Never had the time. Never had the patience. As by chance, before Christmas, I bought myself a waterpaint set, and ended up 'having a go'.

Fancied myself as a bit of a Picasso, in the cultural capital of France.

My children bought me a bigger set for Christmas, and I stuffed it in my suitcase coming back from Scotland. Determined to find the time.

The hours of confinement in an apartment are a challenge...not just physically but also mentally. So I now, specifically at weekends, when I get bored, take out my painting set, and have a go...

What I paint is maybe nothing fantastic, but it helps to clear the mind. I love creating something new. I am not somebody who likes detail, but when painting, I do like the detail. Playing with different colours and letting water do the work is really interesting.

And in the future, I will remember these paintings from my time here in France, in confinement.

It does not matter what you do. What matters is to do something challenging and different.

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