

Top 10 art attractions in Margate

The new Turner Contemporary has put Margate back on the visitors' map, but the Kent seaside town boasts enough other galleries and art events to offer a culture-packed day out

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Blackbird



Dazzlingly pretty shops are popping up in Margate's old town at an increasing rate of knots, but the pick of the bunch is Blackbird, the creation of talented textile designer [Maxine Sutton](#). Upstairs from the shop, full of quirky impulse buys such as Gemma Correll's Pugs not Drugs tote bags and Emily Warren's papier-mâché busts, there's studio and workshop space, with screen-printing equipment and sewing machines for regular workshops of up to six people. Emerging textile maker and artist [Emma Challacombe](#) leads the first workshop in creative textiles on Saturday 21 May, with the three-hour session costing

£40, including materials. Emma's work is also showcased in the shop until the end of May in [Sad Stefano and Friends](#) (pictured), an exhibition that promises to capture the bittersweet complexities and confusion of childhood.

• 2 Market Place (01843 229533, blackbird-england.com)