

*Kia ora koutou — this is a series where we ZOOM in on one of the wonderful artworks from the Dunedin Public Art Gallery's Collection...*

## STILL LIFE



### THE ARTWORK:

**Still Life 1861**

by BLAISE DESGOFFE

[1830-1901 French]

Oil on panel

Collection Dunedin Public Art Gallery

### ZOOM IN:

Here are some fancy objects arranged on a table in a darkened room. Light is shining on them from a window on the left.

Can you see a peacock feather fan with an ivory handle?

Why do you think you can't buy one of these in the shops anymore?

Do you think this artwork looks more like a photograph than painting?

A painting of objects sitting on a table is called a still life. The objects could be expensive antiques or everyday objects such as apples and pears in a bowl.

### MAKE ART:

You could make an artwork like this:

Arrange some of your favourite things on a tabletop and draw them. This still life will be special because it shows us what is special to you.

Your still life is a kind of self-portrait.

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