**When is a chair not a chair?**

A chair is not a chair, when it takes the form of a hat. I have transformed my original chair into five hats that are inspiring to look at as the different shapes and colours give each hat character and life.

I began this project with an open mind as I brain stormed some designs for my chair. Fortunately I came across a designer named Philip Treacy, who designs these incredible hats made out of all different types of materials or objects. I read a quote by Treacy that said "Anything can be turned into a hat", which was what inspired my final idea. This was to use a saw to chop up the chair into much smaller pieces and then fit these pieces of wood together to create a series of hats. The shapes work really well together but they all look a little too similar for my liking so to change them I painted each hat a different colour, representing the colours of Smarties as this added a bit of light humour and fun to my hat designs.