

BOTTLE CREATURES

An Art Lesson for Grades 3, 4 and 5 (Week of May 18th)



Art can be made with more than just paper, paint, crayon and glue. With a little imagination, an artist can use a wide variety of materials found around the house to make fantastic 3 dimensional creations. Using things laying around, or “found art objects” as they are sometimes known, gives something a new life or purpose, sparks creativity, reduces waste and is good for the environment.

Believe it or not, many artists have taken things you and I would normally throw away and recycled them into incredible art pieces.

Take a look at some of the artist examples below:



Materials:

For this activity you will be using empty plastic bottles used for laundry detergent, juice, chocolate syrup, etc..., a variety of colored construction paper, pencil, scissors, glue or tape, black marker.

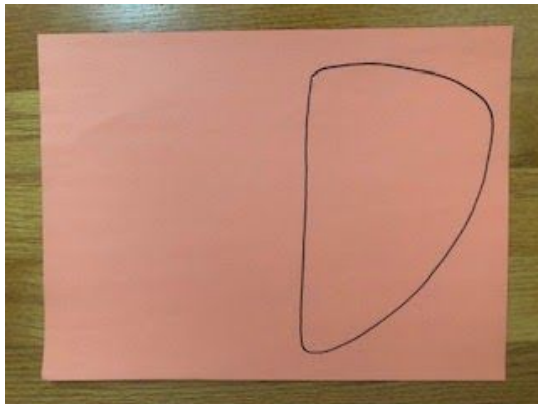
Follow the steps pictured below:



Begin with an empty plastic bottle.



Gather colored paper, scissors, glue and tape.



Draw, cut and glue/tape details to the bottle. Proudly display your wild and unique creature.

Things to consider:

- Rinse out your bottle and remove any labels or stickers.
- Study your bottle and imagine where the head, face and body will be.
- You may want to draw parts such as eyes, ears and legs with pencil first before cutting them out.
- Think of lots of detail. Will your creature have horns, a tail or wings? How about sharp teeth, tusks, antenna or scales?
- It may be easier to tape the larger details in place rather than using glue.

- Will you add fine detail to your creature after assembly using black marker?
- Can you use other objects for details other than construction paper? What about bottle caps, pipe cleaners, pom poms, toothpicks, felt scraps or fake fur?
- Use your imagination, be creative with your thoughts and have fun!

Vocabulary:

Recycle, Repurpose, Waste, 3 Dimensional, Object, Assembly, Detail

