UPCYCLED ART

SUMMER ART CAMP PREVIEW

Explore the world of sculpture through recycled materials. Reflect on the importance of reuse while building 3D artworks with unlikely supplies. These activities are inspired by Keith Norval’s Artbots and Collin Moody’s Upcycled Sculpture class upcoming in this year’s Summer Art Camps!

Age/Grade  K–12

Materials

Artbots (K–5):
• Various pieces of cardboard
• Scissors
• Tape and/or hot glue
• Coloring materials and/or paint
• Embellishments: Stickers, bottle caps, buttons, beads, pipe cleaners, etc
• Optional: Add moving parts with brads and/or Electronic Motors

Water Bottle Sculptures (6–12):
• Water bottles: Dry and remove labels
• Sharpies or paint
• Scissors
• Hole punch
• String

Upcycled Material Ideas:
• Water bottles, pipe cleaners, CDs, sponges, packaging materials, laundry detergent caps, tubing, wire, pom poms, shiny or colorful duct tape, buttons, beads, safety pins, googly eyes, various types of bottle caps (milk cartons, juice cartons), zip ties, yarn, dried beans, straws, popsicle sticks, newspaper, paper towel tubes, toilet paper tubes, fabric, netting (bag of oranges), twist/bread ties, magazines
• Boxes: Shoe box, tissue box, cereal box, snack box, gift box, oatmeal containers

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ARTBOTS (K–5)

Artmaking Directions

1. Draw a head, body, legs, arms, and feet from cardboard.

2. Cut out pieces.

3. Add details with paper, paint, markers, and found materials.

4. Glue or tape pieces together.

5. Optional step: Add moving parts with brads or electronic motors that can be purchased on Amazon.
UPCYCLED WATER BOTTLE SCULPTURES (6–12)

Artmaking Directions

To create spirals //

1. Color outside of bottles with sharpies. You can also paint or spray paint the bottles instead.

2. Cut off the bottom of the bottle.

3. Starting at the bottom, cut ½ inch wide strips in a spiral pattern.

4. Stop when you reach the top.

5. Cut into halves, thirds, or leave long to vary lengths. Repeat until you are happy with the amount of spirals you have—the more spirals, the fuller your sculpture.

6. Punch a hole through one end of each spiral.

7. Attach together with string to hang.

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To create flowers //

1. Color outside of bottles.

2. Cut off the bottom of each bottle.

3. Cut slits vertically down the sides of the bottle—these are your petals.

4. Change the shape of your petals by rounding or pointing the ends of each cut.

5. Bend back and pinch each petal to create a flower.

Combine your flowers and spirals for a larger hanging sculpture!

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**Activity Ideas**

**Recycled Materials Scavenger Hunt:** Before creating, go around your home and collect as many recycled materials as you can to inspire your sculpture. Think outside of the box! Try to gather items with different textures, sizes, and shapes. Reference the Upcycled Materials list (under Materials) for ideas.

**Planters + Feeders (K–2):** Give back to the environment by creating your own hanging bird feeders and planters from recycled plastic bottles and household objects!

**Collaborative Installation (6–8):** An installation is a large work of art usually designed for a specific place or space. Work with your family members to make water bottle sculptures. Gather your water bottle sculptures together to create a hanging sculpture that can be installed in or around your home.
  - Consider choosing a theme or color scheme for your sculpture. Do you want it to feel like a coral reef? A field of tulips? A lush green rainforest?

**Do the Robot (9–12):** Create a stop motion video using the app, Stop Motion Studio, to make your robots come to life!

**Resources**

- For more Earth friendly resources and activities visit Artspace’s curated Earth Day Pinterest Board for ideas and inspiration!
- Explore the spiraling glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly for inspiration for your water bottle sculpture!
- Check out Artspace Studio Artist, Keith Norval’s website of lively and colorful paintings!

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