

Ultimate Recycling: Found Art Sculpture

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Description

Artist Ginny Baughman will teach students about recycling through art as she does with her own artwork. Students will learn how to give new life to objects that would otherwise be thrown away. They create exciting “recyclable art” with objects that they save from their trash at home and school. In their artwork students will be encouraged use a theme about the earth and they will be guided on how to create an artwork that expresses their theme. Others will be amazed what wonderful art can come from trash.



Ages

Elementary and Middle School

Learning Objectives

Students will learn about the importance of recycling and understand how important it is to recycle and not just throw things away. They will learn how to recycle through art, by creating a sculpture entirely of objects slated for the trash. They will learn that there are better things to do with trash besides just throwing it away to be sent to landfills. Students will learn how to express an idea or theme through art.

Syllabus

Day One

Students will learn facts about recycling and the build up of waste on the earth. Students will create recycling posters to share.

For next class students will be encouraged to collect and bring “interesting” trash for their artworks.



Day Two

Students will show the “trash” that they have brought for their sculpture and then brainstorm ideas about how to use the materials. They will be asked to create a character out of their trash and write a story about that character.

Day Three

Students can continue to bring more objects to use for their artworks including boxes. During this class they will be asked to create a home for their character out of the materials available.

Day Four

Students will finish their creations and then create a book with a story in it about their creations.

Day Five

Every student art will be exhibited along their storybook about his or her theme. The exhibit can be open to the rest of the school or possibly even to parents.