

RECYCLED ART SCULPTURE COMPETITION

In order to get people to think about how much garbage we create and aware of the many uses of the everyday materials that fill our world, we are holding a recycled materials sculpture competition.

All valid entries will receive a certificate of acknowledgement, noting a special quality of their entry.

ANYONE CAN ENTER

Students, siblings, friends, families, entire classes, and adults (teachers, parents, staff) are all encouraged to enter the contest. Each entrant must fill out a form (attached) and hand it in with your piece on the due date. Extra forms and additional information are available by contacting (the Administrator). Extra forms will be available (in another location) as well.

METHODS

You may put your piece together any way you want, but you must use recycled materials for the entire piece, INCLUDING how you hold it together. No glue or new tape is allowed, but you may use the glue strip on envelopes from junk mail, old return address labels, used duct tape, twist ties from groceries, old cassette tape, etc. In the past, someone even reused staples!!

The piece must make it safely from your home or classroom to the display space. Test – if you feel like you have to supervise the transport or carry it yourself to make sure it will make it safely, then it probably isn't well enough constructed!

The judges will be mindful of who made each piece. If a pre-K submission has perfectly aligned edges, we are suspicious. Admit it is a group project with an adult – no one can lose! Adults get credit too! We will also be looking for suspiciously acquired materials. One of the points of this project is to help you see what a bounty of materials are out there for free, but if we see shiny new white string all over something, the alarms go off. Be creative!

Do not ruin anything in your home that you “think” is garbage or going to be thrown or given away. Always check with the rightful owner first.

This can take you weeks to complete or only one day. You may use only one material, or ten, or more. We ask that you don't just stick a bunch of stuff together and hand it in. Think about design, balance, and construction. This project is not a requirement for anyone. Do this project only if you really want to. It's OK to start and then decide you don't want to finish. You may make more than one entry.

SIZE

Nothing is too small. No entry can be bigger than 2 ft x 2 ft x 2 ft. (You may change this requirement if you wish, but beware...multiple huge entries can take up a lot of space!)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT - MOVING ELEMENT

This year we are requiring that each entry have an intentionally moving part (a part that moves on purpose) – a hinge or flap, wheels that turn, or parts that slide across each other, etc. All parts must be attached. “Move” does NOT mean “able to be removed.” On the entry form, please specify which part moves, so that the judges know what to look for (even if it is obvious to you).

MATERIALS

All materials must already have been used for their original function and be CLEAN. Or they may be unused, but automatic garbage (like unsolicited address labels). Remember, also, that you will have to live with your piece until you bring it in. No dangerous pointy edges or easily damaged structures, please. The sky's the limit, but SAFETY FIRST!

Cardboard boxes, toilet paper or paper towel rolls
Styrofoam food trays, paper or plastic cups, plates, take-out utensils, coffee Go-cup holders
Cereal boxes and other food containers (clean!)
Bottles – careful!, bottle caps, Soda cans (cleaned!), milk/juice cartons – cleaned!
Newspaper, magazines, USED sheet paper (extra points if it is used on both sides!)
Shopping bags – plastic or paper
Envelopes and junk mail that you'd throw away/recycle
Broken toys
Ripped and unwearable clothing (holey socks, shoes with holes, broken flipflops, etc.)
Plastic 6-pack can holders
Old audio tape or video tape, free CD's from the mail
Used twist ties, rubber bands from vegetable bunches
Used wrapping paper, crepe paper or deflated balloons from a party
Etc., etc., etc. – so many possibilities!

CONSTRUCTION AIDS

In order to win a prize, you must use ONLY REUSED MATERIALS to hold your piece together (twist ties, old string, old video tape, rubber bands, etc.). Entries that use new construction materials (like glue, new tape, or new string) may use it for attachment ONLY, not as design/decorative element. Please do NOT use hot glue, nails or screws. Address labels are OK if they were mailed to you, not if you had them printed.

YOU MAY NOT USE

- *Paint or markers or crayons – color comes from the materials – pick wisely
 - *Anything you have to buy
 - *Anything you have in the house that you would not normally throw away or recycle (beads, new construction paper, poster board, etc.)
 - *Anything unhygienic – Anything that has been in your mouth or used for body fluids (like used Kleenex – use your imagination, don't be gross!)
 - *Anything that still has food on it (invites bugs and smells at home and at school – yuck!)
 - *Anything that has loose dirt or gooey grime on it. Remember - other people have to handle your work. Please avoid picking things up off the street – use good judgment. There are some irresistible treasures on the street, but we don't want you to risk your health.
 - *Broken glass unless under adult supervision - again, safety first!
- !!!! Hazardous materials (empty spray cans, toxic substances, batteries). Please do not include anything that cannot be safely recycled or thrown away in the regular trash. !!!!

AWARDS

Each piece will be judged for subject matter, construction methods, innovative use of materials, sense of humor, attention to detail, etc. Every entry will get a certificate, as long as it was delivered with a completed form. Prizes will go to entries that follow ALL the rules (especially methods of attachment and moving parts) and display the most creative use of materials.

DUE DATE: (Earth Day is a good date around which to construct this project.)

SUPPORT

Still have questions? Contact (Administrator, art teacher, etc.)

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Name _____

Grade (if Student)

Classroom/Position (if Staff)

Relation to school (whose Family or Friend?) _____

Age _____

Title of Entry _____

Brief description, so that we can tell which one is yours!

(Example: "big red soda can ears, orange wheels, and broken sunglasses")

Materials used _____

Approximate Size _____

How does your sculpture move? _____
