

# Upcycled Art

## Concept:

**Found object art** is made through the process of finding or buying intriguing objects and putting them together in a new context to create a new object .

**Upcycled art** is a form of found object art. Upcycled art uses objects normally thrown away and saves them from ending up in a land fill. Some people will go out into nature and collect litter to bring it back and make a sculpture or collage out of it. This can be a wonderful



way to create something new and beautiful out of the things we usually associate with waste. It also makes a statement about the importance of keeping our world clean and beautiful.

You can make your own piece of art using discarded items from your house. Collect things like soda cans, bottle caps, toilet paper rolls and any other interesting looking things that would otherwise end up in the dumpster. Then, grab your glue gun and get creative!



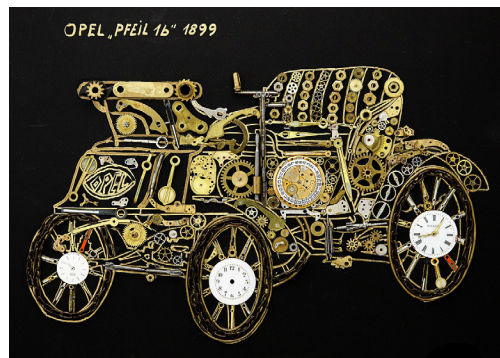
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# Supplies:

- Cardboard, foam core board, a thin flat piece of wood, or other thin, flat material (if you want to make a collage)
- String or fishing line (if you want to make a mobile or other type of hanging art)
- Scissors and/or a craft knife
- Hot glue gun and/or tape
- Discarded items: cardboard tubes, broken toys or household items, pieces from old electronics, pages from magazines, empty food and beverage containers, scrap fabric... anything you can think of!

# Process:

1. Decide what kind of art you want to make. A sculpture is 3-dimensional and can stand alone. A collage is made out of different objects or materials glued onto a flat surface. A mobile features items suspended by wire or string so they can move and spin.



2. Decide whether you want your art to be representational or abstract. Representational art depicts things in a way people can recognize, like a flower, a person or a chair. Abstract art doesn't necessarily have to depict anything and can just be a collection of colors, shapes and textures arranged into a pattern or design.



- 3.** Select pieces from the trash you've collected that you think will go together well. You can cut them up or leave them whole.
- 4.** For a sculpture, start with the pieces you want at the bottom, gluing them together and letting them cool. Then, keep gluing pieces together, working your way up to the top.
- 5.** For a collage, lay the pieces down on a flat piece of material without gluing them first, so you can arrange and rearrange them until you like the way they look. Once you're happy, carefully pick each piece up, apply glue, and then stick it in place.
- 6.** For a mobile, find a large object or stick that you can tie several string to. Tie one string to the center of the object and make a loop in the string for hanging your mobile. Then tie other strings to different places, attaching the smaller objects you selected onto those strings.

## Oklahoma Academic Standards

- ES.ESS3.2 Evaluate competing design solutions for developing, managing, and utilizing energy and mineral resources based on cost-benefit ratios on large and small scales.
- EN.LS2.7 Design, evaluate, and refine a solution for reducing the impacts of human activities on the environment and biodiversity.
- 7.ESS3.3 Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing human impact on the environment.