

Have a Heart

May Day Community Project

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I'm wondering how many of you made and delivered baskets of flowers for May Day when you were in grade school? I remember doing this every year as a child. We would make the baskets in school, take them home, fill them with spring blooms and secretly deliver them to friends', families' or neighbors' front porches, knock on the door and run! My guess is it is a holiday tradition that not many participate in anymore. May Day is a traditional spring festival celebrated around the world on May 1.

Your new art assignment is a take on May Day baskets. The plan is instead of baskets of flowers you are to make a sculpture of a heart and place it in the yard of a friend, family member or neighbor. I think during this pandemic and our isolation it is important to let others know you are thinking about them, that they are loved. What better symbol to show that than a heart?

Guidelines - Hearts must be 3D - a sculpture! You can make it out of anything you can find or collect. Ideas - paper mache, chicken wire, cardboard, plastic bottles, milk jugs, aluminum cans, styrofoam, yarn pom poms, sticks, pinecones, toilet paper tubes, cloth sewn and stuffed, egg cartons, crochet or knitted, etc. The plan is to use what you have, don't go to the store and get things to build with. Look in your shed, garage, yard, recycle bin, craft closet! What can you find to build with?

Heart must be at least 12" so that it can be seen from the street.

It can be put on a stake in the yard or hung from a tree or front porch.

I have seen a lot of families making art together during social distancing. I love that! Make it a family project if you want! Also, invite others to join in on the fun by sharing this document. How cool would it be if the whole town joined in and every yard had a heart?!?!?! Spread the love!

To my students - this is your week 3 & 4 assignment. Turn in 2 photos of your heart in Google Classroom - one of you/your family building it and one of it in the yard of your chosen recipient. If you are in 2 of my classes then you need to do 2. Hearts, city wide, need to be placed in the yard on May Day, May 1, 2020. If it is raining on May Day then we will postpone placement to the first dry day after that.