

# POSSIBLE ART MATERIALS

- APS Visual Art Department -

This slideshow is meant to expand your view on what an art material or art making tool COULD be.

The artworks shown on the following slides are meant to inspire student artists' own creations. We encourage students to see what they could create using some of the ideas in the slideshow - take risks, try something new, play, experiment and see what happens!

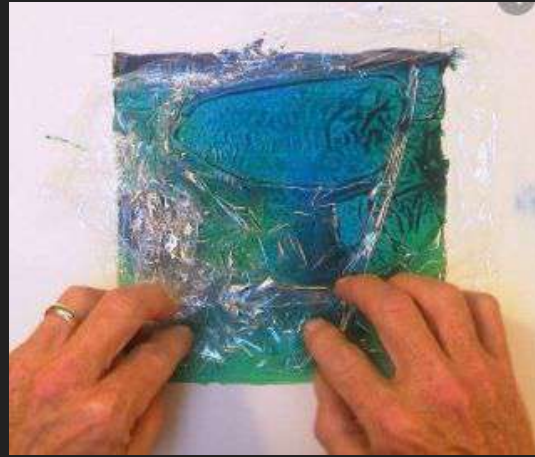
**\*\*For a full list of possible materials as well as recipes for glue, paper mache and playdough, see the end of the slideshow.\*\***

# Household Items

TIN FOIL



GUM WRAPPERS



PLASTIC WRAP ON TOP OF WATERCOLOR PAINT



CANDY WRAPPERS

# Household Items Continued

PLASTIC BAGS



PLASTIC  
CUPS/SPOONS/FORKS/KNIVES

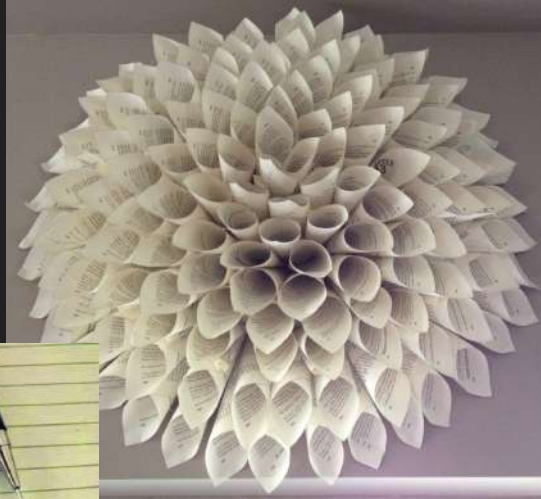


EGG CARTONS

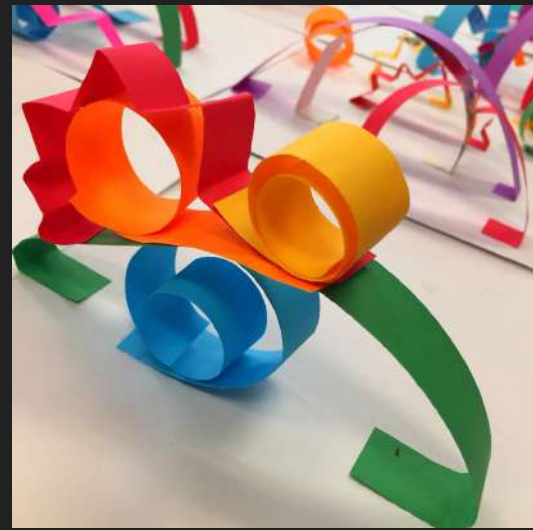


# Household Items Continued

## EGG SHELLS



## PAPER



# Household Items Continued



CRUMPLED PAPER &  
TAPE



SCRAP WOOD



FABRIC / LAUNDRY



# Household Items Continued



TWISTED NEWSPAPER

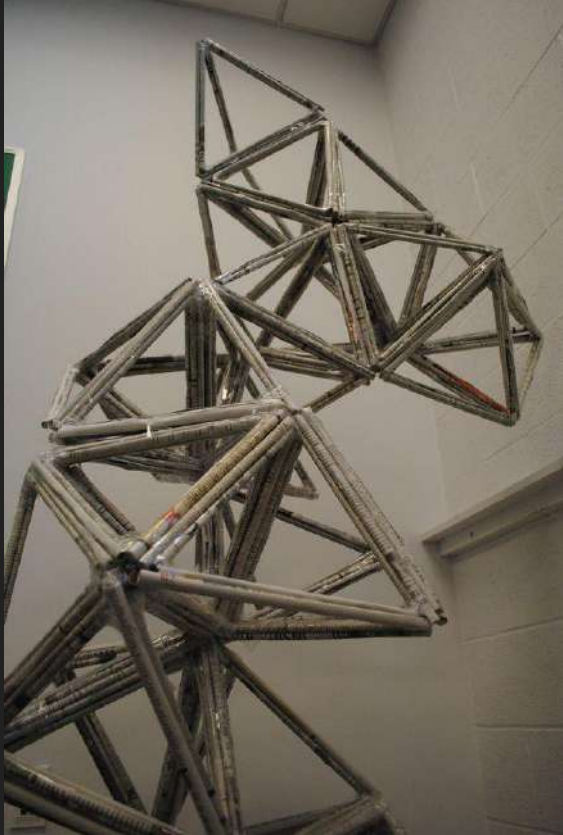


DRAWING ON  
NEWSPAPER



TWISTED NEWSPAPER

# Household Items Continued



ROLLS OF NEWSPAPER



NEWSPAPER/MAGAZINES

NEWSPAPER COLLAGE

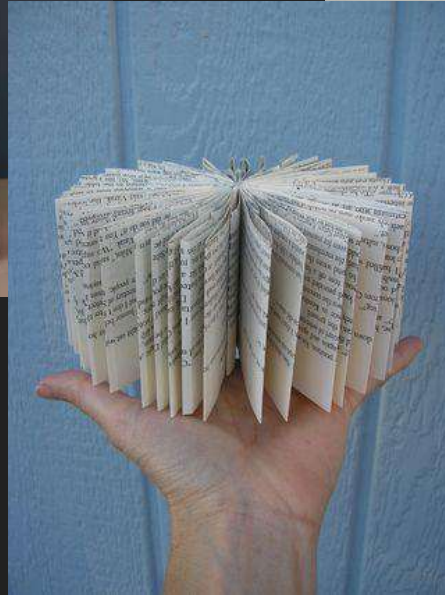
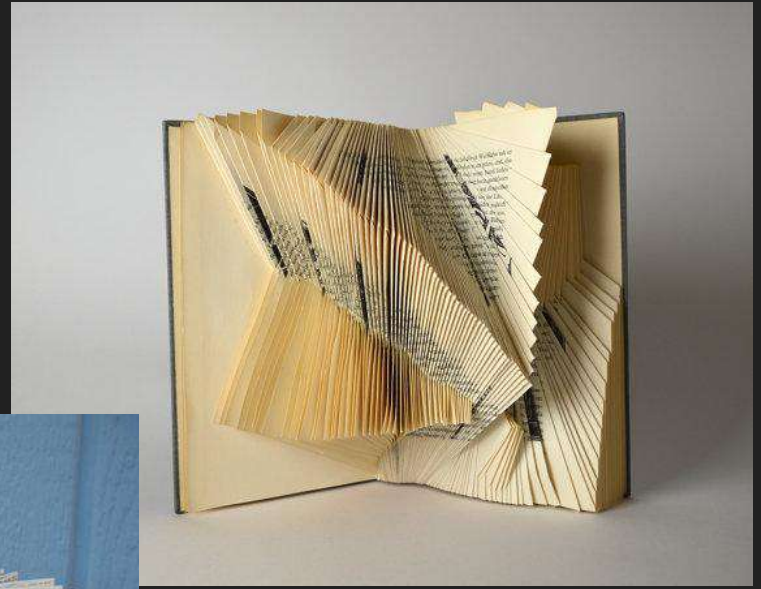




# Household Items Continued



ALTERED BOOKS



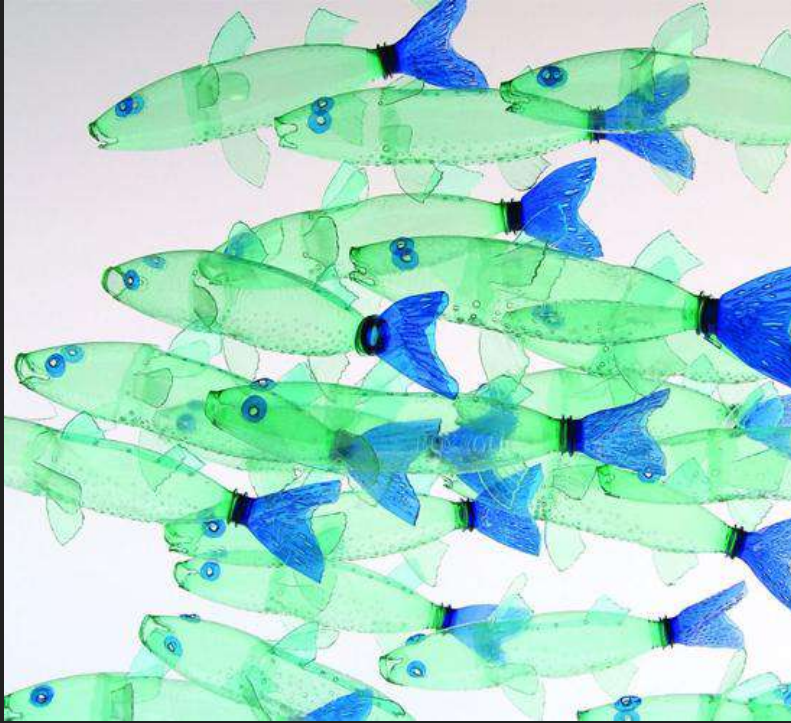
# Household Items Continued



ODDS & ENDS -  
old wires, caps,  
cds, game  
pieces, buttons,  
beads, twist ties,  
can tabs, cotton  
swabs, cotton  
balls, styrofoam,  
dryer lint, paper  
clips, rubber  
bands, bobby  
pins, etc.



# Household Items Continued



PLASTIC  
BOTTLES





# Household Items Continued



PLASTIC BOTTLE  
CAPS



THREAD



ROPE



YARN PAINTING

# Household Items Continued

CANDLE WAX



DRAWING ON CARDBOARD



PEELING TOP LAYER OF  
CARDBOARD



# Household Items Continued



CARDBOARD SCULPTURE



CARDBOARD RELIEF  
SCULPTURE



# Household Items Continued



TOILET PAPER / PAPER  
TOWEL TUBES



# Household Items Continued



CARDBOARD



# Household Items Continued



Artist: Saul Steinberg - PAPER BAG MASKS



MAGAZINE  
COLLAGES

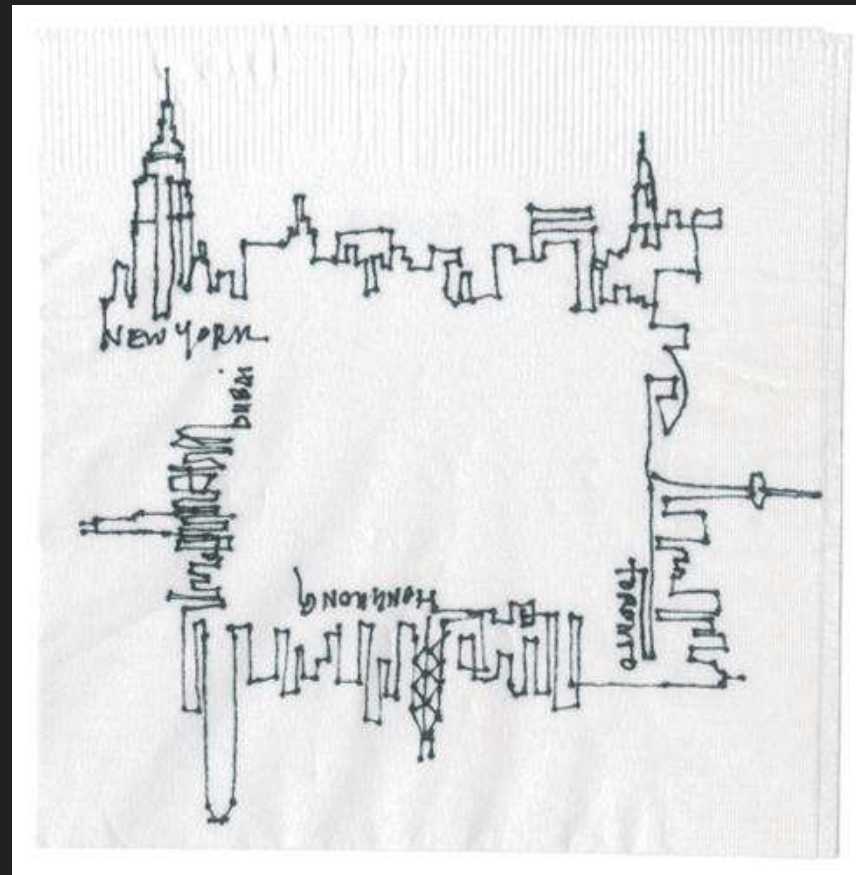




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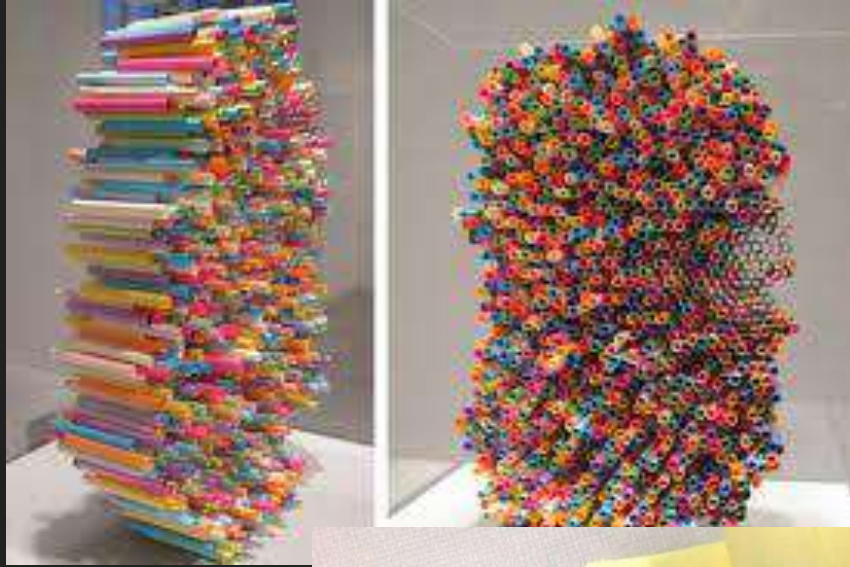


SHAVING CREAM



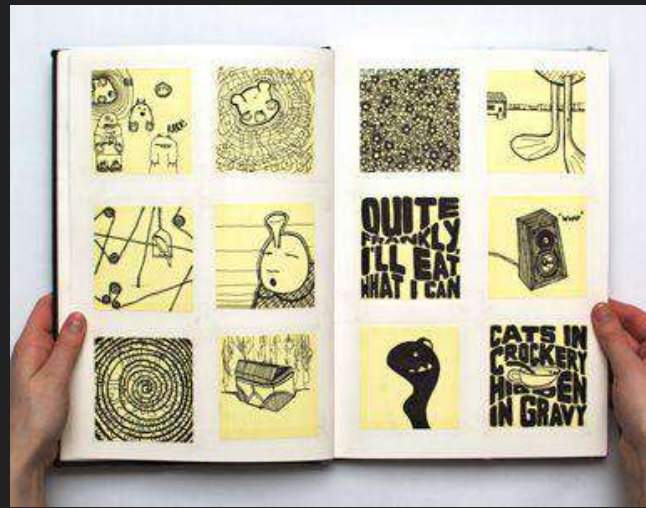
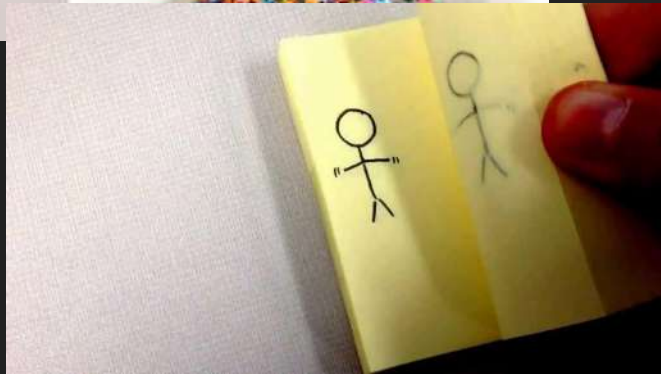
NAPKIN DRAWING

# Household Items Continued



ROLLED UP  
POST-IT  
NOTES

POST-IT FLIP  
BOOK



DAILY  
POST-IT  
NOTE  
DRAWING

POST-IT  
NOTE  
MURAL





# Household Items Continued



PENCIL SHAVINGS



CDS



# Food



PASTA, NOODLES, BEANS,  
RICE

# Food Continued



PAINTING WITH  
COFFEE AND TEA





# Food Continued



SOY SAUCE



FOOD COLORING





# Outdoors

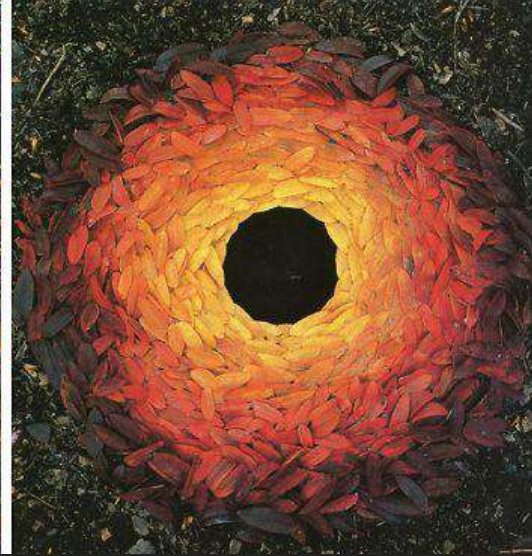


STONES,  
LEAVES,  
PETALS,  
TWIGS,  
ACORNS,  
STICKS, ETC.





# Outdoors Continued



LOGS, TWIGS, LEAVES

# Outdoors Continued



PAINTING ON ROCKS



FLOWER PETALS



# Tools

- Mascara Wands
- Makeup Brushes
- Q-tips
- Skewers
- Toothpicks
- Sponges
- Sticks
- Comb
- Toothbrushes

# Recipes

## Flour Glue Recipe:

Blend flour with water until it's near the consistency of pancake batter. Beat your mixture until it's smooth. Pour it into a saucepan on medium heat. Constantly stir while bringing it slowly to a boil.

## Homemade Glue:

In a small saucepan, mix  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup water with 2 tablespoons corn syrup and 1 tablespoon white vinegar. Bring mixture to a rolling boil. In bowl, mix 2 tablespoons cornstarch with  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups cold water. Slowly add the cold mixture into the hot mixture.

# Recipes Continued

Paper Mache: you will need one part flour to two parts water.

1. Pour the flour and water in a large bowl and stir it well. You want the mixture to be thin, with a consistency similar to pancake batter,
2. Keep mixing until there are very few lumps left.
3. Use a whisk or a hand-held blender to remove and remaining lumps.
4. Add more water or flour as needed, until the mix is runny like white glue, not thick like paste.
5. Store in a covered bowl or jar in the refrigerator for a few days.
6. When ready to paper mache, dip strips of paper into the paste, skim off extra paste and layer strips onto sculpture, let dry when finished covering in paper mache



# Recipes Continued

## Homemade Salt Dough Recipe -

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup cold water

## Instructions:

1. Mix flour and salt together in a bowl. Slowly mix water, a few tablespoons at a time, into flour mixture until dough is smooth and easy to handle. Knead dough for 10 minutes and let rest for 20 minutes.
2. Preheat oven to 250 degrees
3. Form dough into desired shapes and arrange on baking sheet
4. Bake in preheated oven until dry and hard, about 2 hours. Allow to cool completely.

# Recipes Continued

## Homemade Playdough Recipe -

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup salt
- 4 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 2 tablespoons of vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)
- Food coloring (optional)
- Tupperware container or ziplock baggie for storing

### Instructions:

1. Stir together the flour, salt, and cream of tartar in a large pot.
2. Add the water and oil.
3. If you're only making one color - add in the food coloring now (about 5 drops, add more if you want it brighter).
4. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly.
5. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a ball.
6. Remove from heat and place inside a tupperware container, ziplock baggie or onto wax paper - allow to cool and then knead until smooth
7. If you are making multiple colors, divide the dough into balls (for however many colors you want), then add food coloring to each ball in a ziplock baggie, start with 5 drops of color - add more to brighten color
8. Knead the dough inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands, once mixed, play!

# Full list of possible materials -

- Aluminum foil
- Bobby pins
- Broken toys
- Brown paper bags (sterilized)
- Burnt wood from fireplaces = charcoal!
- Buttons
- Can tabs
- Candle Wax
- Candy wrappers
- Cardboard (sterilized)
- Cassette Tape ribbon
- Clean napkins
- Clothespins
- Coffee Filters
- Copy Paper
- Corks
- Cotton Balls
- Cotton Swabs
- Crumpled Paper
- Cupcake Papers
- Dead / dry flowers
- Dryer Lint
- Egg cartons (sterilized)
- Egg Shells
- Floppy Discs
- Gum Wrappers
- LEGO pieces
- Magazines
- Manilla Envelopes
- Newspapers
- Nut Shells
- Old Electronic Parts
- Old Furniture
- Old Holiday Decorations
- Old Photos
- Old Utensils
- Packaging
- Paper Clips
- Paper Towels
- Parchment Paper
- Pencil Shavings
- Plastic Packaging (sterilized)
- Plastic Pill Bottles
- Plastic Utensils
- Plastic Water bottles / caps
- Plastic Wrap
- Popsicle Sticks
- Post-it notes
- Rope
- Rubber Bands
- Scrap Fabric
- Scrap Wood
- Sea Shells
- Shaving Cream
- Shoe Boxes
- Socks



# Full List of Possible Materials Continued

- String
- Styrofoam (sterilized)
- Thread
- Toilet paper tubes
- Toothpicks
- Twist Ties
- Unwanted Books
- Used Matches
- Yarn

## FOOD ITEMS:

- Cereal
- Coffee
- Food Coloring
- Macaroni

## FOOD ITEMS CONTINUED:

- Rice
- Soy Sauce
- Sprinkles
- Stuff that won't rot
- Tea and tea bags

## OUTDOOR ITEMS:

- Bark
- Dead Leaves
- Dirt
- Leaves
- Moss
- Mud
- Pressed Flowers

## OUTDOOR ITEMS CONTINUED:

- Rocks
- Stones
- Twigs

## ARTMAKING TOOLS:

- Eye Dropper
- Makeup Brushes
- Mascara Wands
- Paper Towels
- Pipettes
- Q-tips
- Sponges
- Sticks
- Toothpicks

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