

Found Object & Mixed Media Exploration

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will create a small mixed-media artwork using recycled or found materials, exploring texture and composition beyond traditional drawing.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- small piece of cardboard or thick paper as a base
- recycled materials (e.g., fabric scraps, bottle caps, magazine clippings, buttons, string, dried leaves)
- scissors
- glue stick or craft glue
- markers or colored pencils

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Collect at least 5 different recycled or found materials from around your home (with permission) that have varied textures, colors, or shapes.
2. Arrange your materials on your cardboard/paper base without gluing yet, experimenting with at least 2 different layout compositions, and take a mental note (or quick sketch) of which arrangement you like best.
3. Glue your chosen arrangement onto the base, layering materials to add depth and texture.
4. Add hand-drawn details (markers or colored pencils) connecting or enhancing the found materials into a cohesive piece (this can be abstract or represent a real subject).
5. Write a title for your piece and a 2-3 sentence artist's statement explaining your material choices and what the piece represents or expresses.

QUESTIONS

1. What five (or more) found/recycled materials did you use in your piece?
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2. What is 'mixed media' art, and how does it differ from a traditional drawing or painting?
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3. What is the title of your piece, and what does it represent or express?

4. How did using found materials (instead of only drawing) change your creative process compared to a normal drawing?
