

Year 4 Art: Recycled Art

Using recycled materials to create junk model sculptures



Subject Specific Vocabulary

recycled art	Using items and materials that have been discarded to create artwork which could be 2D or 3D. It is sometimes known as junk modelling.
sculpture	The art of making 3D forms.
construct	To build or erect, as in a piece of sculpture.
PVA glue	White water-based craft glue (poly vinyl acetate)
duct tape	Strong tape with a cloth backing which helps strengthen it, making it difficult to tear.
masking tape	Tape made of paper that can be easily torn (this also means it can be painted over). It has a weaker glue so it doesn't leave marks on things it has stuck to.
Sellotape	Common adhesive tape with a waterproof top and a fairly strong glue. Water based paint won't stick to it very well.
texture	The feel or appearance of a surface or material.
materials	Anything an artist uses to create art.

Sticky Knowledge

- PVA is an all-purpose glue and dries clear so it can be used to varnish the models. This glue can also be used to seal up absorbent or porous materials like cardboard. This makes them easier to paint.
- A glue gun heats a solid stick of glue so it melts and can be applied to an item. As the glue cools it solidifies and holds the two items in place.
- Michael Leavitt is an American visual artist known for creating art and sculptures using different materials and mediums.
- Many artists who use recycled materials try to convey a message about plastic waste and how society needs to work on reducing how much plastic we use and waste.

Key Skills

- I can cut, make and combine shapes to make recognisable forms.
- I can use malleable materials and practise joining techniques.
- I can add materials to the sculpture to create detail.
- I can use key vocabulary to demonstrate my knowledge and understanding of sculpture, e.g. sculpture, shape, form.