



## **ART BRIDGES: Lesson Plans for Enrichment, Growth and Healing**

### **Creating Art from Re-Purposed Materials**

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We all know the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling in our daily lives wherever possible. But for artists, reuse and recycle can have totally different meanings and open doors to many new possibilities in creating art. Following are links to just a few of the many wonderful art lesson plans art supply company Dick Blick makes available to the public free of charge. The theme for the plans listed below: Using re-purposed and re-cycled materials in the creation of art. Hopefully these plans will be just the “tip of the iceberg” as you explore the many materials that can be used to bring new life, usefulness and beauty to what may have been considered trash.

#### **Objectives:**

The participants will:

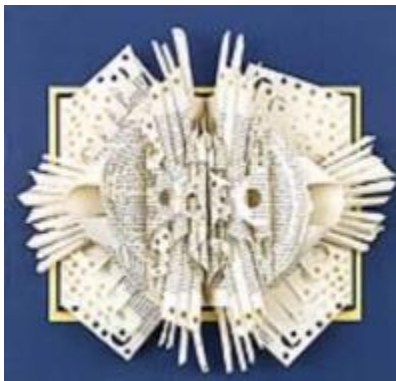
- 1) Identify materials that have been discarded that can be re-purposed
- 2) Use their imaginations to create art using re-purposed materials

#### **Audience:**

These activities can be used by any age group which has an imagination

### Deconstructed Books

There's more to "deconstructing" a book than just altering the pages. For purposes of this project, "deconstructing" means you will be changing the object from a book to a sculpture. The tools are very basic—scissors, glue, paper, punches and a desire to experiment! This activity is geared for Grade 3 to adult. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/deconstructed-books/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/deconstructed-books/)



### Rapper Art

Encourage your class to collect and recycle product wrappers for a "green" art project worthy of good-citizen attention! Students save and trade wrappers to make a paper background, then choose words and phrases related to their "rapper" collage and cut them from thin foam to create a printing plate. "Rapper" Art is an easy process of making posters, book covers and signs in multiples. This lesson is designed for grade-school children to adults. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/rapper-art/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/rapper-art/)



## Recycled Book Boxes

Rather than traditional pages, the interior of these “books” will hold objects collected by students. An “art box” book could incorporate art elements such as texture, color, form and line into the design. Or a more personalized box “about me” could hold a collection of tiny photos, poems and small keepsakes. This lesson is designed for Grade 3 to adults. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/recycled-book-boxes/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/recycled-book-boxes/)



## Sound Sculpture Inspired by Jean Tinguely

Swiss artist Jean Tinguely created whimsical machine-like contraptions of found metal parts, known as “meta-mechanics”. In this lesson plan, students create a kinetic sculpture with repurposed metal hardware, found objects, and wire placed so that they deliberately move against one another. Much like Tinguely’s machines, some of the noises may be pleasant—others may not—but each will have a very unique metallic, mechanical “voice”. This lesson is designed for Grade 3 to adults. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/sound-sculpture-inspired-by-jean-tinguely/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/sound-sculpture-inspired-by-jean-tinguely/)



## Upcycled “Wild Thing” Mittens

Using Maurice Sendaks’s book Where the Wild Things Are as the inspiration, an outgrown sweater becomes a fun pair of costume mittens! Use a recycled wool sweater, shrink film and other adornments to create a fun and functional “Wild

Thing” mittens. This lesson is designed for Kindergarten to whoever is young-at-heart. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/upcycled-wild-thing-mittens/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/upcycled-wild-thing-mittens/)



### Button Bracelets

Button Bracelets allow everyone to design a wearable piece of art with lots of color and texture—a new twist on craft bracelets. A leather wristband is used as a base and takes on a very different look when buttons and colorful wire are added. This lesson is designed for Grade 3 to adult. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/button-bracelets/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/button-bracelets/)



### Artist Canvas Painted Shoes

Using Tee-Juice Fabric Markers, students design a pair of painted shoes reminiscent of a famous artist’s style and choices of subjects and colors. This lesson is designed for Kindergarten to adult. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/artist-canvas-painted-shoes/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/artist-canvas-painted-shoes/)



## Shoe Shrine

This lesson plan repurposes a shoe to create the structure for a shrine. Aligned vertically, it quickly loses the shoe reference and becomes a sculptural container instead. The Shrine can be a symbol of the student's favorite things, ideas, places or events. This lesson is designed for Grade 3 to adult. PDF Link [www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/shoe-shrine/](http://www.dickblick.com/lesson-plans/shoe-shrine/)



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