

Stratford Arts Social: At Home

With artist Louisa Tock



Sculpture Using Found Materials

Watch Louisa's instructional video here: <https://youtu.be/68q9JZw9AkQ>

Watch Louisa's introduction here: <https://youtu.be/oKMkrhJTn3c>

Aim of activity

To create sculptures at home quickly using objects found around the house or outdoors, without using glue.

You will need

- Small objects around your house or from outside – these can be bits of rubbish, old toys, bottle caps, used candles, broken pegs, old crayons, any odds and ends.
- Elastic bands or string to tie things together – you can also use old wire, hair bands, shoelaces, or anything similar.

Activity length

5 minutes, longer if you feel like it

Introduction to Sculpture Using Found Objects

Inspired by artists such as Picasso, Duchamp and Brancusi, this activity is about going on a quick search around your surroundings to find some interesting objects, and using them to create your own sculptures. Here are a few simple guidelines to help you:

- No glue – be resourceful about how each object relates to one another.
- Don't be precious.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes.
- It doesn't have to look like anything which already exists if you don't want it too.

Instructions

1. Have a look at your collected objects and play around with how they look together and work with each other. Try and manipulate them so that they stand together, like a small tower or squeezed inside each other.
2. Once you are happy with the way it looks, you can either leave it balanced precariously, or you can tie it together using string or elastic bands.
3. Now that you have created your sculpture, you can leave it as it is, or you can photograph it in front of a plain background, or you can draw it.

Reflection

- Can you think of new places to find interesting objects?
- How many sculptures can you make out of one collection of objects?
- Do you think different objects would be more successful?



We'd love to see what you have created! Tweet us your artwork @StratfordCircus, tag us on Instagram @stratford_circus or find us on Facebook.

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