

Time: 20-30 minutes Messiness: moderate Adult involvement: moderate

### Found Object Robot!



**Description:** young artists learn about the many abilities and appearances of robots and make a robot from found objects!

<u>Story:</u> "<u>Robots, Robots Everywhere!</u>" written by Sue Fliess and illustrated by Bob Staake (Golden Books; 2013)

#### Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This sculpture is made by *welding*, or heating metal to join pieces.
- Notice how the metal looks orangebrown. (Can you guess why? It has rusted.)
- Describe the texture. Would it feel rough or smooth to touch?
- The title of this artwork is *Double Head*.
  - Do you see a face in the metal? Which parts of the face can you name?
  - Do you like how the artist made this face? Why or why not?
- Do you think this sculpture would be light or heavy? What makes you say that?



#### **Materials Needed**

- 1) 2-3: cardboard containers
- glue, tape and/or staples for attaching
- 3) scissors
- plastic silverware, straws, popsicle sticks, etc., for arms and legs
- misc.: tabs, beads, wood, toys, stamps, candles, etc., for embellishing



#### **Project Skills**

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
  - a) constructing
  - b) gluing
  - c) embellishing
- 2) Language Development
  - a) expressive: speaking
  - b) receptive: listening
  - c) discussing
- 3) 21<sup>st</sup>-Century
  - a) creativity
  - b) collaboration

#### Project Instructions

- 1) Decide the pieces you would like to use for the head and body of your robot.
- 2) Open up the boxes' smallest flaps on the top and bottom of box. Slide a stapler in through that opening and use to attach the top flap of the body box to the side of the head box.







**3)** Glue down flaps on the top of the body. Then glue down flap connecting body and head so robot lies flat. Use a piece of tape to secure until dry.



 Repeat Step #3 for flaps on right and left side of robot head.



5) Cut side flaps off a remaining box for legs. Add glue on the top of the flaps and glue face down to the back of your robot. Tape until dry.





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6) Choose a found object for your robot's arms. Glue the arms to the back side of the body and tape until dry.



7) Create several designs for your robot's face. Glue your favorite design. one area at a time.





8) Repeat step #7 your robot's body. Arrange found objects until you have your favorite design, then glue one piece at a time. Allow to dry.





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9) Remove tape from the robot's parts once glue has dried.



**10)** "Be Boop Beep..." introduce your robot to a friend and see how many objects they can name that were used to build it!



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