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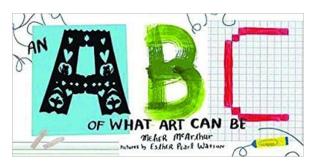


Time: 20 minutes

Messiness: moderate

Adult involvement: low

Upcycled Sculpture!



<u>Description:</u> young artists learn that art can be made using all sorts of materials and techniques, then create their own upcycled "glass" sculpture!

<u>Story:</u> "An ABC of What Art Can Be" written by Meher McArthur and illustrated by Pearl Watson (J. Paul Getty Museum; 2010)

Let's talk about this artwork!

- What do you see?
- This sculpture is made of glass! Think of something in your home that might be made of glass. How is it different than this sculpture? How is it the same?
- This artwork has many colors! Which colors feel the richest or strongest to you? Which colors feel lighter or softer?
- How many pieces do you think make up this artwork? Which piece is your favorite? Explain your answer.



Image: Marvin Lipofsky (American, 1938–2016), Russian Group # 7, 2006–2007, blown glass. Museum purchase with funds provided by Jim and Eilleen Dicke in memory of their friends Ted and Judy Goldenberg, 2008.8

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Materials Needed

- 1) 4-6: bendable straws
- 2) 1-2: Model Magic[®] clay
- 3) 2-3: non-toxic markers
- 4) scissors



Project Skills

- 1) Fine / Gross Motor
 - a) cutting
 - b) coloring
 - c) clay
 - d) assembling
- 2) Language Development
 - a) expressive: speaking
 - b) receptive: listening
 - c) discussing
- **3)** 21st-Century
 - a) creativity

Project Instructions

1) Grab your bendable straws and pull the crimped section so the straw is as long as it can be. Repeat for all straws.





2) Curve the end of your straws into different shapes by bending, twisting, or wrapping around your finger!





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3) Cut each straw into two or three pieces. Set aside.



4) Open your clay packet and use markers to scribble two-three colors directly onto the clay.



5) Smoosh clay in hand to mix colors.

Helpful hint: to make darker colors apply more marker and re-smoosh until you like it!







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6) Roll clay between hands to make a ball. Set down on a hard surface.



7) Push the end of your straw firmly into the clay. Be careful not to push it all the way through the bottom.



8) Repeat process with remaining straw pieces.







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9) Art can be made from the simplest things! Great job!





Questions about or ideas for Tiny Thursdays at Home? Email edu@daytonart.org