



THE SPARK'S CREATIVE LEARNING TOOLKIT



DISCOVER... RECYCLING **BITESIZE EDITION**

This menu of learning resources has been handpicked to give you an idea of how the full Toolkit can be used as a pick n mix to create a full learning opportunity to discover different art forms, artists to support you to have fun, creative adventures with your child/ren

These activities are from the **DISCOVER...RECYCLING** section of [The Spark's Creative Learning Toolkit](#)

Inspiration

The resource below is to be used as inspiration to introduce the sort of artwork you might produce when using the resources that follow...



Craft

Recycled Flowers ([resource](#))

Use this Pinterest board for inspiration of different materials and shapes of flower as a simple way of demonstrating a variety of possibilities for creating something with found materials



Art

Michelle Reader – artist ([resource](#))

Nottinghamshire-based artist who used recycled materials to create sculptures. Focus on creating flowers from discarded materials

Short warm up activity

This activity is intended to set the scene for a longer task and should be used as a tool to inspire discussion around the key themes. This activity is intended to last 15 minutes or less...



Drama

Two Sticks - Drama Game

In a circle, introduce an object such as an empty cardboard tube. Declare that it could be lots of different things, for example, an elephant's trunk (and model it being one!) Pass the object around the circle with each player turning it into something new (no repeats) and saying one line of dialogue such as *"This elephant's trunk can squirt water"* Give reluctant participants two options. They may say *"Pass"* if they can't think of anything, or *"Come back to me"* if they think they will have an idea later. If you find that players are nervous, play a few rounds with the same object until the group have had at least one turn. Repeat with different objects, some good ones are – a ball, a bucket, a hula hoop and a towel

Medium Length Activity

An explorative activity to support learning about using natural materials to create creative tools / artwork and exploring the work of famous artists. This activity can last between 30mins – 2 hours, depending on the depth of exploration...



Craft

Recycled Flowers ([resource](#))

Look again at the website of artist Michelle Reader. Focus on her work creating plants and flowers from recycled materials and use this as inspiration to create your own – you can use cardboard, envelopes, bottle tops, egg boxes, straws, lolly sticks... anything you can find! You can use a simple [flower shape template](#) to support younger children. Think about creating different types of flowers – what shape are their petals and leaves? Do they have trumpets or stamens? You can use this activity to introduce new vocabulary too!

Longer Project

Intended to use the skills learnt from the shorter activities to develop a bigger piece of work, bringing lots of ideas together, to create land art. This could be used to let the children do a final presentation or exhibition to share what they have discovered



Craft

Create a Recycled Garden

Using recycled materials and the skills you have learnt, work as a team to create a beautiful recycled garden, filled with plants, flowers, butterflies and insects. You can use a large empty box for the base of your garden, or (if in school) you could create a wall display to brighten up your classroom!

We hope you find this Creative Learning Toolkit useful and would
LOVE to see what you produce!

Please share your creations with us on Facebook
at *The Spark's Creative Learning Toolkit Group* or
email nicola@thesparkarts.co.uk with any feedback you have...

THANK YOU AND KEEP CREATING!

