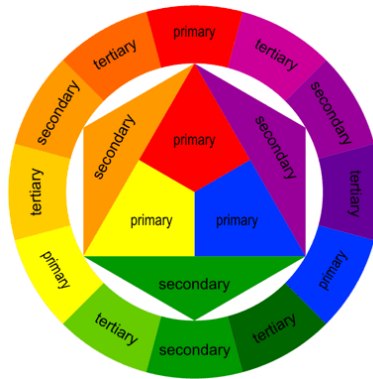
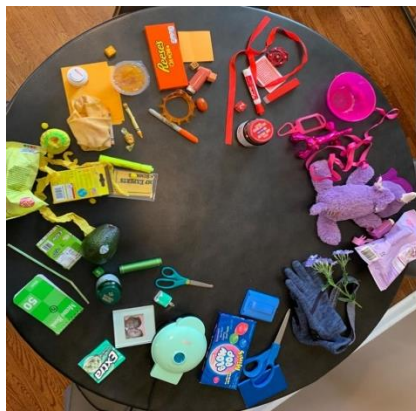


Improvised Art Supplies

A lack of art supplies at home doesn't need to stop you from creating! Here are some unconventional approaches you can explore with simple household items.

FOUND OBJECT COLOR WHEEL

Create a color wheel with objects around the house. Start by finding some primary colored objects (red, yellow and blue). Next find secondary colored objects (orange, green violet), and place them in the appropriate spaces between the primary colors. Then find tertiary colors (red-orange, blue-green, etc.) and put them in the appropriate places between primary and secondary colors. Snap a photo!



LAND ART

Spend some time in your yard or at a park and collect some natural objects to create a piece of land art. Land art started as a movement in the 1960's. Land artists create artwork within a real landscape, often using materials drawn from the landscape itself. Andy Goldsworthy is a famous land artist. See the images and videos (linked below) for inspiration and examples of his artwork!

Andy Goldsworthy [waterfall sculpture](#)

And Goldsworthy [land art images](#).



PAINTING WITH COFFEE

Brew a strong cup of coffee. Use different containers and water to dilute the coffee to varying degrees, providing multiples values of “coffee paint”. Create a monochromatic painting! This is a great way to explore value, highlights and shading.

Follow this [link](#) for instructions and inspiration.

If you have coffee stir sticks, you can take your coffee themed tools a step farther! Cut the tips of the stir sticks on a diagonal to create a tool similar to a reed pen. 4th and 5th graders have already used this type of tool with India ink.



SPICEY PAINT!

I’m sure I’m not the only one with a cupboard full of duplicate spices! Have the kids clean out the kitchen cabinets and use the extra spices to brew up some paint!

Check out this [video](#) to see how it’s done or follow the recipe below.

RECIPE (to make 4 colors)

1 cup Water

4 tsp Cornstarch

4 tbsp Flour

1 tbsp each of your selected spices



YELLOW- Ginger + 20 drops yellow

RED- Cinnamon + 20 drops red

ORANGE- Nutmeg + 5 drops red + 15 drops yellow

BROWN- Clove + 8 drops red + 8 drops green + 4 drops yellow

GREEN- Thyme + 18 drops green + 2 drops red

FRUIT & VEGGIE PAINT

Follow this [link](#) to learn how to make your own paint from left over fruits and veggies.

FOOD COLORING

Follow this [link](#) for info on using liquid food coloring to watercolor paint.

SALT DOUGH RECIPE

Ingredients:

-2 cups all-purpose flour*

-1/2 cup salt

- 3/4 cup water



*Allergy Warning: If you have a gluten allergy, then substitute with gluten-free flour and use warm water.

Mix ingredients in a bowl & knead until a soft dough forms. Sculpt dough to create a sculpture. If there is leftover clay, wrap it in plastic and store in the refrigerator for later use.

Sculptures can air-dry overnight, or baked in the oven at 200° for 15-30 minutes, depending on clay dampness. If baking, keep an eye on it so that the sculpture doesn't burn. Dry sculptures can be painted with any paint, or left bare.

For specific project instructions use this [video link](#), or this [link to blog instructions](#).

OUT OF PAPER?

Almost anything can serve as a surface for creating art! Junk mail and adds can be torn or cut to create colorful collages. Old envelopes and receipts can serve as drawing paper. Even cardboard and paper shopping bags can be recycled into drawing paper or paint canvases.

You can draw on all of these!

