Teenagers Make Small Sculptures: Exploring Felt-Making and Transforming Materials

By Andrea Butler

This second workshop developed the skills and knowledge that the students had gained in a previous session: <u>Exploring</u> <u>Materials: Merino Wool and Water and Making Felt</u>.

Creating small tactile sculptures with felt is a much more experimental process as outcomes can't be firmly predicted and the maker needs to be sensitive to the way each form is developing as the materials interact with each other.

The students took on this challenge with energy and enthusiasm and it was inspiring to watch them take creative risks with their work, transforming materials into strange and beautiful sculptures.



Andrea shows students her work and ideas about embedding small objects into three dimensional felt sculptures

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As part of a series of workshops for AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class on exploring materials, artist Rachel Wooller led a session on exploring plaster and string.

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Megan Boyd



Scottish Fishing Fly Maker

In a cottage in northern Scotland, Megan Boyd twirled bits of feather, fur, silver and gold into elaborate fishing flies – at once miniature works of art and absolutely lethal. Wherever men and women cast their lines for the mighty Atlantic salmon, her name is whispered in mythic reverence, and stories about her surface and swirl like fairy tales. With breathtaking cinematography and expressive, hand painted animation, Kiss the Water adheres to and escapes from traditional documentary form, spinning the facts and fictions of one woman's life into a stunning film about craft, devotion, love, and its illusions.

Enjoy the preview of Kiss the Water below — the film is sure to inspire.

Hubert Duprat



<u>Caddis Fly Larvae</u>

French artist Hubert Duprat worked in partnership with caddis fly larvae to create these wonderful living works of art.

Cornelia Parker



Manipulating Matter

British sculptor and installation artist Cornelia Parker transforms ordinary objects into something compelling and extraordinary.

<u>Cornelia Parker @ 5×15</u> from <u>5×15</u> on <u>Vimeo</u>.



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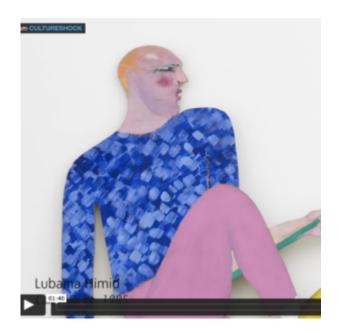
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Students, from the DesignLab at the V&A, London, worked with artist Phoebe Cummings over a three month period to create a site-specific, group piece, from unfired clay which was inspired by the historical 2D designs found on 19th century British tableware in the collection.

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