

Creativity Medals

By [Jan Miller](#)

Jan Miller is an Art and Design Technology teacher and magazine editor with 25 years' experience. In this resource, Jan demonstrates the process of creating imaginative and unique medals using recycled materials.



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“The sentiment behind this resource idea is lovely and it provides an opportunity to really develop some fine motor skills as well as independence of approach. Taking ownership of the medal design means the sense of achievement is heightened beyond the children just being given one. You can really imagine the positive energy that would surround this activity within a classroom, with each child working on a shared project but embarking on their own creative journey.” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Making Musical Instruments

What We Like About This Resource...

“It’s great to see music being explored in this way, and combining it with making creates a really interesting immersive project. This activity would work well as part of an extended project looking at musical instruments around the world and some of the natural materials they are made from.” – *Rachel, AccessArt*

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Art Club Cafe

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How to make textile and wood sock puppets using Shakespeare's Macbeth as inspiration.

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Unesco: Celebrating the Power of Making!

Inspired by Paula's recent rousing film, 'It's in Our Hands', artist Jan Miller pulled images together from her own teaching to illustrate the things the children in her classroom do with their hands

Flying Minpin Birds

Roald Dahl's The Minpin Birds inspired Arbury school pupils to design and make their own birds for a tiny Minpin to ride upon. Alongside this project, the class drew their own maps of imaginary worlds and imagining themselves as Minpins.

Abstract Face – Relief Sculptures

In this construction and painting resource, students make an abstract face, relief sculpture from cardboard, adding colour, texture and metal findings. This resource was inspired by the work of Kimmy Cantrell, a self-taught contemporary artist who uses asymmetry to question long-established views around beauty.

Clay ‘Portrait’ Miniatures

This two stage clay and painting resource by artist/educator Sharon Gale is very versatile because essentially the miniatures are blank canvasses. In this particular workshop, the subject matter had to link with KS2 Geography and the topic of rivers. Students were asked to research their favourite creature or plant, that made the British riverside its home. They made their miniatures from clay and painted their chosen wildlife onto them.

Making the Gift of Home this Winter

The AccessArt Village in the Ruskin Gallery, Cambridge and how to celebrate community, creativity and home.

Santa comes in all Shapes and Sizes: Yr 3 Make Bouncing Santas!

A fun end of term project that would also be perfect to do at home – making model Santas with character! Jan Miller share a process to make 3D model Santas using simple materials and processes. This activity can be used with children aged 7 to 14 (any KS, 2, 3 children).

Simple Casting Techniques – by Melissa Pierce Murray

Artist Melissa Pierce Murray led a series of workshops for teenagers exploring a variety of casting techniques.

Japan – Ceramics Inspire Painting and Painting Inspires Ceramics

Jan Miller shares a class project that uses the work of a contemporary Japanese ceramicist to inspire vibrant paintings

in a variety of materials. The children then used their own art to design ceramic vessels.

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Meet Bob! A cloth character with a bendy wire armature to animate in front of a green screen.

Pop-Up Puppets Inspired by a Historical Painting

Year three children design and make pop-up puppets inspired by the story in the painting “Penelope with the Suitors,” by Pintoricchio (1509), working with their teacher Jan Miller.

Fruit-Inspired Clay Tiles

Ceramicist Rachel Dormor shares a workshop idea suitable for primary or secondary aged children. Working in clay, pupils

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Fruit Pinch Pot Project

Ceramicist Rachel Dormor shares a workshop idea suitable for primary or secondary aged children. Working in clay, pupils take their inspiration from drawings of fruit to make simple pinch pot mugs.