

Use Scrapstores!

Scrapstores are a fantastic resource for running any group that supports visual arts learning!

If you run an after-school art club, visiting your local scrap store can help you access a wide range of high-quality art and craft materials for your members. The range of materials in scrapstores changes from day to day and could include card, paper, textiles, paint, corks, wool, cardboard tubes, netting, gauze and a thousand other things!

All scrapstores have different means of accessing their scrap materials. In some, you need to pay an individual membership fee, whilst in others, you simply pay for the scrap you take on the day. Below is a list of scrapstores nationwide, with contact details for each. If you are interested in listing your scrap store on the AccessArt website, then please contact rachel@accessart.org.uk.

You can see inspiring resources on using scrapstore materials here: [A Wealth of Materials](#)



Use [this directory](#) to find a scrapstore near you.

Renée Materials (Online)

"[Renée Materials](#) reduces waste and cuts emissions on a large scale by offering businesses' off-cuts, surplus stock, and leftover materials for reuse. We feature high-quality materials like paper, wood, textiles, leather, glass, metal, and yarn through our marketplace."

Birmingham Playcentre Network, Birmingham

"Enjoy the joy of crafting while helping the environment at [BPCN](#)."

Address and Opening Times:

Birmingham Playcare Network
Hollymoor Centre

8 Manor Park Grove
Birmingham
B31 5ER

Tuesday - Friday 10.00 am- 4.00 pm
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Children's Scrapstore, Bristol

"The [Children's Scrapstore](#) is a reuse charity dedicated to helping businesses divert reusable waste away from landfill/energy recovery to help improve art and play opportunities for children, young people and adults."

Address and Opening Times:

Scrapstore House
21 Sevier Street
Bristol
BS2 9LB

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Thursday 11.00 am - 5.00pm

Re-Imagine Resource Centre, Cambridgeshire

"[At Re-Imagine](#), we are finding creative ways to help look after our planet. We are passionate about being creative to be well, and I provide making sessions in-store and run outreach workshops for all types of groups, as well as a fully stocked resource warehouse full of amazing items to be turned into something eco-fabulous.

We collect wonderful materials that businesses normally just throw away, and for a tiny fee, make them available for you to transform into works of art, to play with or wherever your

imagination leads..."

Address and Opening Times:

We are on the same site as [Witchford Household Recycling Centre.](#)

Witchford Household Recycling Centre
Stirling Way
Witchford
CB6 3FA

Wednesday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Saturday 10.00am - 12.00pm

Bits and Bobs, Cambridge

"Our Scrapstore is named Bits and Bobs because that's exactly what you'll find. In amongst the rolls of colourful card, massive containers full of fabric scraps, there are lots of things we don't even have names for."

Address and Opening Times:

3 Commercial Road
March
Cambridgeshire
PE15 8QP.

Factory Shop open to members:

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 4pm

Fridays and Saturdays, 9.30am to 2pm

Play and Recycling Centre, Derby

"[PARC](#) is a registered charity in Derby providing mountains of

fantastic, recycled resources as well as opportunities for people to learn about how we can actively support our environment through reducing waste, re-using and recycling.

We offer recycled resources and materials and prevent these going into landfill. We process these to provide low-cost resources. We encourage creativity and provide opportunities to gain creative skills and share our ideas for how resources can be used. We want people to re-cycle, recycle, repurpose and re-love materials and reduce landfill.

Low priced recycled materials such as wools, fabrics, beads, ribbon, haberdashery, vinyl sheets, blind fabrics, art paper and paints, craft resources and household paint."

Address and Opening Times:

Play And Recycling Centre

6 - 10 Werburgh Street

Derby

DE22 3QG

01332 299165

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am-2pm

First and Third Saturday of every month 9:15am-2pm

Artytime Scrapstore, East Sussex

"Using [Artytime Scrapstore](#) is a brilliant way to reuse materials and promote recycling. These materials may be supplied to individuals, families and schools. As well as playgroups, holiday clubs, special needs groups and other community organisations such as Scouts and Guides. Please ask about our large group membership. Most of the materials will be free, however some may have a small charge."

Address and Opening Times:

Jarvis Brook recreational park
Crowborough
East Sussex
TN6 2EG

Monday 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30 am

Wednesday 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Thursdays 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

Every second Sunday and the last Sunday of the month, 10.00 am
- 12.00 pm.

The Gloucestershire Resource Centre, Gloucester

"[The Gloucestershire Resource Centre](#) has been promoting creativity in the arts, health, play and education sector through the re-use of materials from industry and business for over 32 years now. We don't specialise in any type of materials as we have to run with the surplus being generated by local businesses within our catchment of Gloucestershire at the time, We rely on the national community of scrap stores to exchange materials, we we can provide variety and choice for our 1300 plus members."

Address and Opening Times:

City Works
Alfred Street
Gloucester
GL14DF

Tuesday 10:00 am - 7:00pm

Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Plus occasional Saturdays 10am - 1pm

The Children's SCRAP Project, Hackney

"[The Children's S.C.R.A.P project](#) is a registered charity No. 281010 which collects, stores and distributes clean, safe, industrial waste to schools, nurseries, colleges, special needs groups, churches, hospital wards, playgroups, community groups and charitable organisations involved in education."

Address and Opening Times

137 Homerton High St
London
E9 6AS

Monday 10.00 am - 6.45 pm
Tuesday-Thursday 12.00 pm - 4.45 pm

Rose Tinted Rags, Hereford

[Rose Tinted Rags](#) is a "textile Resource & Arts Centre selling Vintage and Modern fabrics, haberdashery, curtains, antique lace, wool and assorted miscellanea. Arts workshop working with adults with disabilities."

Address and Opening Times:

Monday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Tuesday 9:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Union Walk
Commercial Rd
The Country Bus Station
Hereford

Ragtag Arts, Kendal

"The environment is at the heart of our [Ragtag Arts](#). This is evident in all that we do, from running the community scrapstore, making repurposed craft kits, working in partnership with sustainable providers, and our extensive workshop program in schools and at events and festivals."

Address and Opening Times:

Unit 16 Mealbank Mill Ind Est
Mealbank
Kendal
LA8 9DL

Tuesday: 10am – 4pm

Thursday: 10am – 6pm

Friday: 10am – 4pm

Saturday: 10am – 4pm

Work and Play Scrap Store, London

"Do you need inspiring, cheap arts and crafts and design materials, or props for your productions or unusual creative play resources?

Do you want to use more sustainable materials?

For an economical fee, you, your school or your group can join the [Work and Play Scrapstore](#) based in Tooting and have unlimited access to our materials for your projects, all of which are saved from landfill.

Paper and paint, textiles and trimmings, buttons and bubble wrap, wood, foam, fine wire, and so much more... come and visit us and see for yourself.

No need to book an appointment, just come and look around!"

Address and Opening Times:

Hazelhurst Estate
13 Blackshaw Road
Tooting
SW17 0DA

Tuesday 11.00am-5.00pm

Thursday 11:00-5pm

Every first Saturday of the month, 11.00am-4.00pm

Every third Sunday of the month, 11.00am-4.00pm

Community Scrapstore, North Somerset

"[The Community Scrapstore](#) is an Aladdin's cave full of marvellous and sometimes quirky resources that will fire the imagination and spark creativity and play."

Address and Opening Times:

66 Gazelle Road
Weston-super-Mare
BS24 9ES

Monday: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Tuesday: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm

Thursday and Friday: 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Saturday: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

Orinoco Scrapstore, Oxford

"[Orinoco](#) is an Oxfordshire scrap store with a long history of using creativity, craft and play to inspire the reuse of materials that would otherwise end up in landfills. It would be easy to assume that this little charity is all about scrap, but take a look behind the lorry loads of materials saved, and you'll find a source of affordable resources for schools and organisations working with children and young people across

Oxfordshire. For more information, have a look at [our website](#)."

Address and Opening Times:

111-113 Pound Way
Templars Square Shopping Centre
Cowley
OX4 3XH
Tel. 07763 923746
Email. oxford@orinoco.org.uk

Tuesday 12-4pm

Wednesday - Saturday 10.30am to 4.30pm

Community Scrap Shack, Stone-on-Trent

[Community Scrapstore](#) "is an 'Aladdin's Cave' full of exciting and affordable reclaimed resources suitable for use in play and creativity, and is open to families, individuals, schools and community groups as day or annual members."

Address and Opening Times:

Unit 2
7 China Street
Fenton
Stoke-on-Trent
ST4 3NJ

Tuesday and Wednesday 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Saturday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

The Recycle Yard, Wakefield

"[The Recycle Yard Ltd](#) recycles waste from the local area that can be reused for arts, crafts and play. We support local

schools, nurseries, community groups, charity groups etc by supplying them with low cost materials or through donations."

Address and Opening Times:

16D Healey Road

Ossett

United Kingdom

Monday 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Tuesday 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Wednesday 10:00 am - 4:00pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00pm

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This is a sample of a resource created by UK Charity AccessArt. We have over 1500 resources to help develop and inspire your creative thinking, practice and teaching.

AccessArt welcomes artists, educators, teachers and parents both in the UK and overseas.

We believe everyone has the right to be creative and by working together and sharing ideas we can enable everyone to reach their creative potential.

Pimp That Snack! Large Scale Food Sculptures

Art educator Anne-Louise Quinton shares a process for making super sized food sculptures from everyday materials, inspired by the work of Claes Oldenburg. This is a fun and challenging sculpture project for Year Nine and above.

Making Papier-Mache Marionette Puppets Inspired by Characters in a Historical Painting

Year three children make marionette puppets to tell the story illustrated in of “Penelope with the Suitors” by Pintoricchio in 1509 with their teacher Jan Miller.

Withy Butterflies

Art educator Anne-Louise Quinton shares a workshop for making a flock of large, withy butterflies, creating a colourful and dramatic artwork.

Sculpture from Sculpture

Inspired by sculptures by Henry Moore, Barbara Hepworth and Jacob Epstein and looking at 'inside' and 'outside' shapes, students created their own constructions with help of artist Anne-Louise Quinton.

To Construct...

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[Explore how Linda Bell creates sculptures](#)

Talking Points: Nnena Kalu



[Explore artist Nnena Kalu](#)

**One Material: Sea Sculptures
from Plastic Bottles**

**Exploring the Sculptural
Possibilities of Plastic Milk
Bottles**

Magnets and Forces

Secondary school students are likely to study properties of magnets in their science classes, but in this workshop, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, encourages teenagers to explore playful and aesthetic responses to magnets, rather than analytic and quantifiable ones. Using artistic and scientific approaches together aid in developing curiosity and imagination.

Two and Four Legged Creatures

Two and Four Legged Creatures with oil based clay over a simple wire armature to make delicate, extended structures. A one hour, artist led session with Melissa Murray.

Draw, Paint, Build, Make: Gallery Project

Sculptures with Personality, Inspired by Anglo Saxon Houses

This resource shares a 3 hour session with Year 6 children from Barton Church of England Primary School. Children were studying the Anglo Saxons and we thought it would be a good opportunity to explore making skills.

Led by Paula Briggs, children to “make sculptures inspired by” an Anglo Saxon Village.

Making a Lyre Inspired by the Ancient Greeks

Here, Portia, aged ten and in year five, shows, step by step, how she approached a creative homework to learn more about the Ancient Greeks.

Sculpture Project Inspired by Egyptian Wall Painting

This resource shares a project which explored mould making, casting and painting in the creation of a sculpture inspired by Egyptian wallpainting, in particular Nebamun hunting in the

marshes, Nebamun's tomb-chapel, which can be seen in the British Museum, London

The project can be adapted for use in KS 2 and 3, and can be used to accompany a study of Egyptian Art / Hieroglyphics.

Making a Pocket Gallery

This post shares an idea devised by Anne-Louise Quinton in which she enables children and teenagers to revisit the "ordinary" and resee it's potential. The activity is a great way not only to inspire children as artists and curators, but also to introduce them to a whole range of concepts and vocabulary. It would be a great activity to use in a museum and gallery education context, as well as the classroom.

Wave Bowls

In this session children make 'wave bowls' with Paula Briggs – a session where the pieces literally 'come together'.

Ink & Foamboard Architecture

Inspired by "Amphis" by Folke Köbberling and Martin Kaltwasser at Wysing Arts Centre, this post shares how the children went on to make architectural models based upon their exploration with Paula Briggs.

Making Shells

This was an afternoon session for year four pupils at Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge, and part of AccessArt's Brilliant Makers Club, a campaign supporting and championing making experiences in schools. This session was aimed at children who love making, and was limited to eight pupils, to allow for a rich, and rewarding experience and plenty of time to play with, and explore materials.

Making Boats that Float Out of Everyday Materials

What Makes a Boat Float? This was an afternoon session for year four pupils at Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge, and part of AccessArt's Brilliant Makers Club, a campaign supporting and championing making experiences in schools. By Sheila Ceccarelli

Sculptural Constraints Workshop by Susie Olczak

This workshop, for students at AccessArt's Experimental Drawing Class, looked at the idea of the constraints that

might come up when creating a sculpture for a gallery or public space, and hoped to give a sense, that often the things that might initially hinder a project, can actually be a source of inspiration and good starting points for creativity.