Exploring the Sculptural Possibilities of Plastic Milk Bottles

By **Andrea Butler**

The plastic milk bottle is a flexible, versatile material that can be manipulated to create textured/decorative surfaces and shaped to make 3D forms. Textile and manipulation techniques such as coiling, fringing, knotting and sewing can be applied to create a variety of forms and textures. Many of the techniques were used to make the objects in this resource: One Material: Sea Sculptures from Plastic Bottles.

The processes shown below can also be applied to explore the decorative and construction potential of other materials.



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The Winter Tree Challenge: A Combined Sculpture & Drawing Project!

This post shares an hour long session at the AccessArt Art Lab, in which the young teenagers (12 and 13 years) worked on two projects simultaneously: a shared winter forest drawing in charcoal, and a sculpture challenge to make a winter tree. The time and material constraints resulted in an energetic and inventive session. By Paula Briggs

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.

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.

Fabulous Fish

Fabulous Fish was a Brilliant Makers workshop, for year four pupils, led by Sheila Ceccarelli, raising ocean awareness at Ridgefield Primary School, Cambridge.

Wave Bowls

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

Under the Ocean Mirrors

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