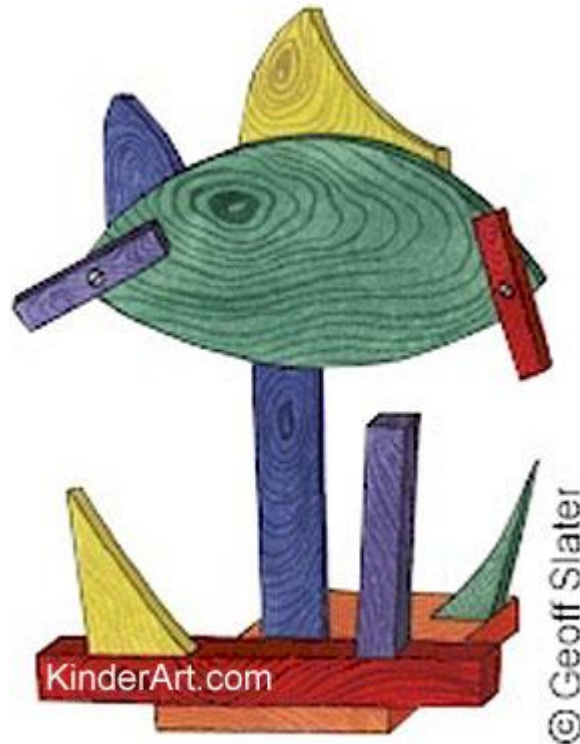


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from KinderArt*

SCRAP WOOD SCULPTURE



Level: Primary, Junior, Middle School, High School
Grades: K and up | **Age:** 5yrs and up | **Written by:** Andrea Mulder-Slater
[Andrea is one of the creators of KinderArt.com]

Summary:

Start with a box of wood scraps to create a masterpiece.

Objectives:

Identification:

- Students will see that there are many shapes and objects that can be created from other shapes and objects.

Creation:

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- Students will create a sculpture using bits and pieces of scrap wood.

Appreciation:

- Students will learn to appreciate the art created not only by them, but by others as well.

What You Need:

- Scrap pieces of wood (find these at the lumber yard, local furniture maker or in a handyman's basement)
- Glue
- Nails and a hammer for older kinderartists
- Screws and a screwdriver
- Tempera paint (or other water-based paint - powdered or liquid)
- Paintbrushes and sponges
- Water and water containers
- Empty yogurt or margarine containers
- A covered work area
- Paint smocks or old shirts
- Found objects (buttons, beads, bits of colorful wire etc.)

What You Do:

1. Lay out a pile of wood scraps on the floor and encourage your kinderartists to pick and choose a number of pieces each.
2. As they move the wood pieces around, your kinderartists will begin to see shapes and creatures appearing. The object here is not to create a sculpture of anything in particular, but rather to explore and investigate shapes interacting with one another.
3. Once there are some ideas floating around, the pieces of wood can be attached to one another to make wonderful sculpture.

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4. Younger kinderartists should be encouraged to work with glue and with adult help, they can use screws to fit the wood together.
5. Older artists can use nails and hammers to build up their sculptures.
6. Using paintbrushes and sponges, kinderartists can color their sculpture by applying the tempera wood stain (see **recipe at the bottom of this lesson**).
7. Finally, found object embellishments can be added to complete the picture.

How to Make Tempera Wood Stain

It would be a pity to use thick and gooey paint to cover up the wonderful designs and patterns found in the wood grain. At the same time, using wood stain is just not practical in a classroom or other enclosed area as the fumes can be quite toxic. The solution? A non-toxic, water-based tempera wood stain. Here we go...

Ingredients:

- powdered or liquid tempera
- water
- several jars or containers
- a stick or paintbrush for mixing

Directions:

- Place a small amount of tempera paint in a container.
- Add water (about 1 part paint to 3 parts water).
- Using a stick or paintbrush, mix the paint and water thoroughly.
- Once you think you have the right consistency, apply some of the tempera wood stain to a scrap piece of wood. Too light? Add more paint. Too dark? Add more water.

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- Store the stain in containers with lids. You will have to mix the stain up before you use it as the paint will have a tendency to settle at the bottom.

PIPE CLEANER SCULPTURES (CHENILLE STEMS)



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Level: Primary, Junior, Middle School, High School
Grades: K and up | **Age:** 5yrs and up | **Written by:** Pat Klingbiel
[Pat is a teacher from Illinois.]

Summary:

Students can create colorful sculptures out of pipecleaners.

What You Need:

- flat sheet of styrofoam (optional)
- pipe cleaners various lengths and widths
- beads various sizes, hole sizes, colors (optional)
- anything else with a hole in it such as straws, pasta (optional)

What You Do:

1. Lay supplies out on table or workbench.
2. Show the children that the pipe cleaners will stick in the styrofoam.
3. Then they can slide beads, straws, pasta, etc. onto the pipe cleaners.

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4. The child can take the project home, or you can take a picture of them holding their sculpture and then reuse the supplies. Let them decide.

Recommended Books/Products:

Chenille Stem Value Pack (pk/1000)

Assorted solid colors of jumbo stems for a variety of craft projects. Flexible stems are easy to twist into animal shapes, ornaments, flowers and many other styles and designs. Furry, crush resistant and reusable. Pack of 1,000. 6mm x 12" long.

TOOTHPICK SCULPTURE

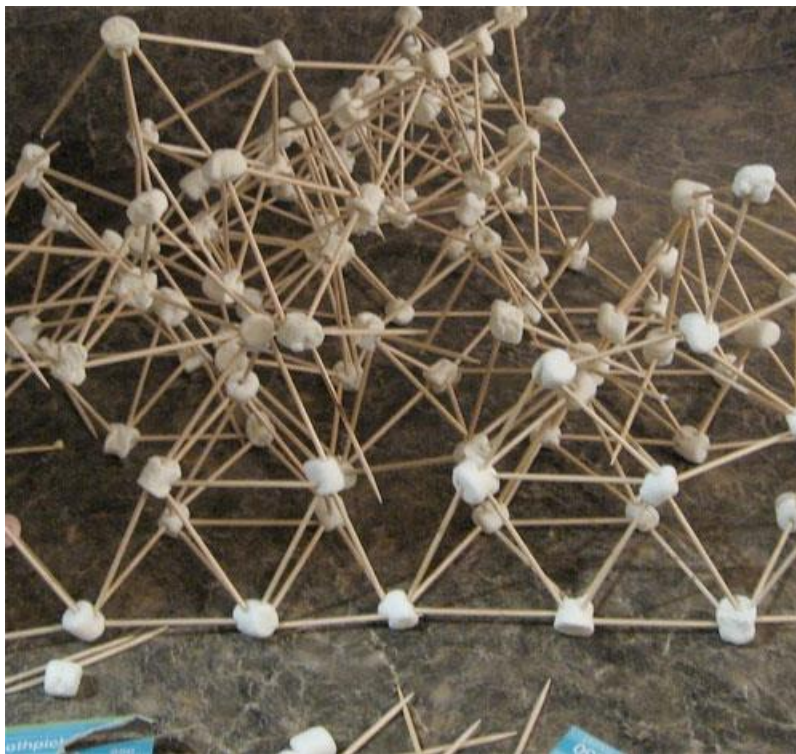


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Level: Primary, Junior, Middle School

Grades: K - Gr. 8 **Age:** 5 - 14yrs | **Written by:** Judith Walsh

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Summary:

Students will learn about sculpture as they create with toothpicks and marshmallows.

What You Need:

- small marshmallows
- toothpicks
- imagination

What You Do:

1. Students will make a marshmallow sculpture by sticking toothpicks into marshmallows and building up from a base.
2. I gave each student 20 marshmallows and a handful of toothpicks.
3. Next, I had them make a base by sticking 4 toothpicks into 4 marshmallows and making a square.
4. Then they could build their sculpture up from there.
5. My only rule was that they had to build up, not have their sculpture lay flat on the table.

Notes: I did this lesson with my kindergarten classes and they had a ball! They looked so cute carrying their sculpture out of the room and cradling it in their hands like a fine piece of china.