



Nature Art

Calapooia Watershed Council

Materials:

Outdoors:

- Andy Goldsworthy visuals
- Camera/Personal Devices

Indoors:

- Andy Goldsworthy visuals
- Camera/Personal Devices
- Soil/Sand
- Spoon
- Natural Objects (rocks, leaves, grass, sticks, etc.)
- Tray/Plate

Activity:

- 1) Discuss: What types of materials and tools do you use to make art?
- 2) Share Andy Goldsworthy visuals to students and ask how they think he made the artwork
 - A. Nature can be a tool or used as materials for art.
 - B. Share how nature art doesn't last forever. Andy Goldsworthy takes photos and returns materials back to nature or lets it return naturally.
 - C. Allow students to share what they like or notice about Andy Goldsworthy's art.

- 3) Tell students that they will get to create their own nature art.

Indoors

- Pass out trays/plates and nature materials
- Spoon out a layer of sand/soil for each student
- Have students create their own artwork and allow them to discuss their ideas and inspiration

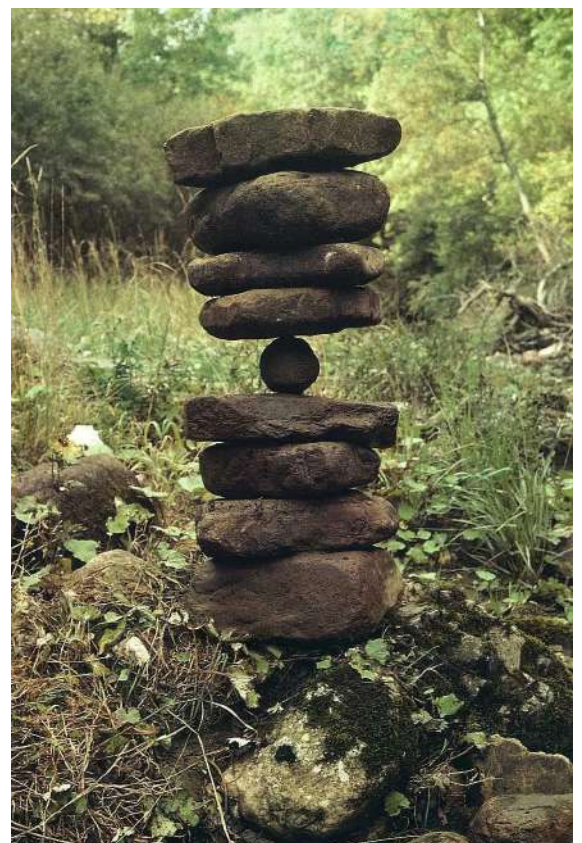
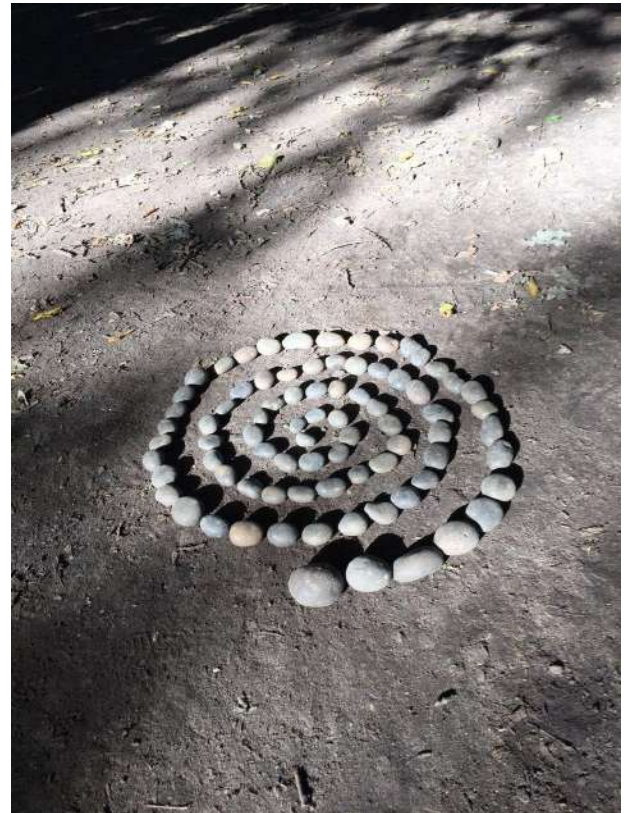
Outdoors

- Set boundaries and size limits for natural materials (Ex: no longer than your arm or wider than your palm)
 - Have students create their own artwork and allow them to discuss their ideas and inspiration
- 4) When students are finished, allow them to present their artwork and take a picture as a keepsake.
 - After the presentation and photo, have students return the nature pieces back to where they originally found them.
 - Optional: Students can make multiple art pieces and lead a nature art tour



Andy Goldsworthy Visuals







Homemade Playdough

Choose 1 Recipe

Materials: Recipe 1

- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon powdered alum
- ½ cup salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon oil
- Vanilla extract (desired amount, optional)
- Food Coloring (optional)

Materials: Recipe 2

- 1 cup flour
- ¼ cup salt
- ¾ cup water
- 3 tablespoon lemon juice
- Seasonings (optional)

Materials: Recipe 3

- 2 cups baking soda
- 1 ½ cups water
- 1 cup cornstarch
- Essential oils (optional)

Instructions:

- In a heat safe/microwaveable bowl or cooking pot, mix together the dry ingredients and set aside.
- In a saucepan, mix the liquid ingredients (except food coloring and essential oils) and cook over medium heat.
- Consistently stir until the liquid is hot, but not boiling. Carefully pour liquid into the bowl/pot of dry ingredients and stir until the mixture stiffens.
- When cool to the touch, knead the playdough mixture with your hands until it reaches desired consistency. Use as is or divide into smaller balls and add a few drops of food coloring or natural dyes for colored playdough.
- Add seasonings, natural food dyes, or essential oils to add smells or colors to the playdough!