

UNIT: Sculpture

GRADE: 7

PROJECT: Abstract Hose Sculpture

FOCUS: Form, Balance

OBJECTIVES: The learner will:

create a balanced abstract form

consider the form when choosing a design and color



study the work of sculptors: Henry Moore, Jean Arp, Barbara Hepworth, and Constantin Brancusi

PREP:

Students will bring in wire hanger

Cut 2x4s, 4 inches in length: drill holes

Display artists photos and their work



INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES:

Web sites:

<http://www.nelson-atkins.org/sculpture/henrymoore/henrymoore.htm>

Art of the Western World laserdisc



SUPPLIES:

Wire coat hanger

Scissors

2x4x4

pliers

knee hi

wire cutters

gesso/primer

drill with drill bit

glue gun

tempera paint

glue sticks

mod podge

acrylic paint

VOCABULARY:

Abstract Craftsmanship

Balance Design

Form Thumbnail Sketch

STUDIO PROCEDURE:

1. Prepare the wire armature
 - a. Cut hook off the hanger
 - b. straighten the hanger- can use pliers to help
 - c. Make bends- bend around the table or chair legs for a smooth bend.Adjust these bends and twists and pulls. Must experiment.
2. Drill 2 holes into the block of wood. Anywhere- closed worked, far apart worked.
3. Put the 2 ends of the wire into the 2 holes in the wood. Some hangers are thinner, must you hot glue or they will pop out later.
4. Look at the wire structure from all sides, adjust the shape if needed.
5. Put the knee-hi over the wire and wood, start at the toe and work your way down. Boys will tend to stretch from the bottom.
6. Problem ---- toe seam. Must run it along a wire or it will pucker and not look good.
7. Pull the hose tight enough to tie a knot at the bottom of the wood.
8. Hot glue all the way around the bottom of the base (so it doesn't show) Smooth and Thin. Make sure it is secure and then cut off the knot with scissors.
9. Use a marker and put your name on the bottom of the wood (in the "hole").
10. Gesso or paint white. SMOOTH. This may take 2 coats. Can paint with liquid starch first for hardening purposes.
11. Draw the sculpture while waiting for it to dry. (Thumbnail Sketches) This can also be used as a plan for the color layout.
12. Use acrylic paint and tempera paint for more color choices.
13. Lots of options, Sponge painting, painting planes that the wire created to create separate little shapes, find and follow the edge with a color, and created an image using the wire shape.

Mod Podge for a glossy finish.