

SIMPLE SCULPTURE MAKING

Activity 1 - Tin foil sculptures

Materials you will need:

- Tin foil (2 pieces per person)
- White paper (1 sheet per person)

Process:

- Take one piece of tin foil and mould it around a part of your upper body (avoiding mouth, nose and eyes).
- Place this onto the white paper.
- Repeat this with the second piece of tin foil.
- Arrange the two pieces of shaped tin foil on the paper to make an interesting sculpture.
- If possible, photograph using a school camera or draw the sculpture in your sketchbook or on a piece of paper.

Activity 2 - Cut and slot sculptures

Materials you will need:

- Cardboard/ card
- Scissors

Process:

- Draw shapes onto cardboard. Think about using different kinds of shapes (sharp and pointy, soft and round, organic) and different sizes.
- Cut out the shapes.
- Take 2 shapes and cut a slot into each one about half way through the shape.
- Connect the shapes by sliding the two cuts together.
- Continue this process with the other shapes to build your sculpture.

Activity 3 - Verb sculptures

Materials you will need:

- A4 coloured card
- Scissors
- Glue sticks, double-sided tape, paper clips, split pins (whatever you have available).

Process:

- Write down a list of verbs that you can use with card, see example verbs on the next page.
- Take your A4 sheets of card and make shapes by cutting, ripping or tearing.
- Use your verbs to create interesting 3D shapes (form) from your pieces of card.
- Join them together to create a sculpture that stands up by itself.

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Key vocabulary:

- Sculpture
- Line
- Surface
- 2 dimensional (2D)
- 3 dimensional (3D)
- Contour
- Mould
- Shape
- Arrange
- Compose
- Cut and slot
- Organic shapes
- Contrast
- Assemble
- Form

Artists you can reference:

Rachel Whiteread 1963 -

Richard Serra 1938 - 2024

Anthony Caro 1924 - 2013

Eva Rothschild 1971 -

Eva Hesse 1936 - 1970

Lynda Benglis 1941-

Ruth Asawa 1929 - 2013

Example verbs:

Fold Scrunch

Cut Curve

Bind Bend

Tear Join

Roll Crumple

Twist Rip

Turn Pair

Weave Stretch