

Chapter 3

Arts lesson: Reusing trash for crafting!

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Summary

We throw away tons of rubbish every day without even considering that we could reuse it. Reusing trash to make crafts is the idea behind this project. This activity was done with our 2nd of ESO students (aged 13-14 years old) in May 2018.

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Introduction

Nowadays we are all quite aware of the importance of recycling and of protecting our environment. However, when we don't have a recycling center nearby, we should try and give a second chance to the items we are about to toss away. Reusing old items and making something useful from them is also a good way of taking care of our environment!

Learning objectives

- To learn that we should recycle and reuse more.
- To learn that we can all be creative.
- To be able to work in group.
- To enjoy our environment and nature.

Resources

Trash.

Scissors, cardboard, crayons....

Activity

A group of students went to Alcúdia to join a workshop about how to make art from trash. The students were divided into small groups with a leader. The leader sat the in a circle and talked to them about the importance of reusing old materials instead of throwing them away.



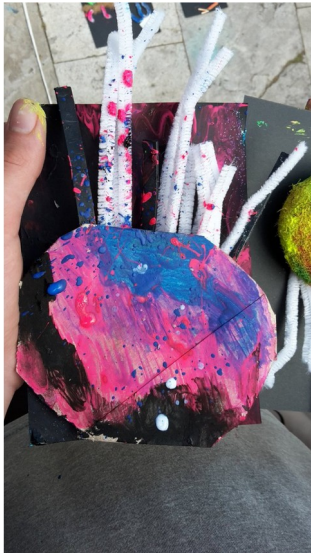
After that, the leader showed the students all of the things they could reuse to create something beautiful. Everything had been recovered from the trash containers!



We then moved into a space where we could work in groups and exploit our creativity! It was really great to see everybody at work!



Here you can see some of our creations! The best creations and the most original ones are going to be shown at an exhibition this summer.



Comments from the learners' surveys

Our students enjoyed the trip very much and realised the importance of knowing that we must recycle and reuse. Many didn't think trash could be fun!

Final remarks

An outdoor lesson is always welcome, and in this case the activity was particularly well-received as students enjoyed creating their "works of art".