

Home Makes: create your own seasonal sculpture

This activity is perfect for children in Key Stage 1 (aged 5-7) and an adult.

Your challenge is to create a sculpture that makes you think of your favourite season. A sculptor makes objects both big and small represents something else.

Explore sculpture by combining natural and manmade materials to create an art object inspired by spring, summer, autumn or winter. Use colour and shapes to explore what the different seasons feel like to you.



Materials:

You can use any recycled household items for your sculpture. This could include:

- Cardboard
- Cereal packs
- Scrap paper, tissue paper, newspaper or kitchen roll
- Toilet roll tubes
- Coloured card
- Wooden sticks
- [Salt dough](#), Plastine or clay
- Leaves, petals, sticks or pebbles
- Tin foil
- Paper cups

Equipment:

- Scissors
- Glue or sticky tape
- Pencil
- Coloured pens, pencils or crayons (optional)

You'll learn about:

Creating 3D objects, experimenting with and combining materials, using your imagination.

Time:

This activity can take from 30 minutes to two hours.

It has been broken down into two halves—you can split it over two days or do it all in one go if you're really having fun!

Part One: drawing your sculpture

- Can you draw a 3D sculpture for every season? What images can you use for winter, spring, summer or autumn? What colours can you use?

Talk and Make

- What is a sculpture?
- How can you make your sculpture 3D?
- What images are you using to show the seasons?

Part Two: make you own season sculpture

- Use the materials you have collected to make your sculpture. You might want to recreate what you have drawn, or you might be inspired by your materials and come up with something new!

Talk and Make

- What materials can you combine in your sculpture?
- Which materials are manmade?
- How big is your sculpture going to be?

Tips for adults:

- Make sure that children have a nice clear space before starting this activity.
- Encourage the children to start by making the base and then build on top of that. It might be easier to have a salt dough or clay base.
- If you don't have colourful paper or card you can add colour using pens, pencils or crayons.
- It doesn't matter if children's shapes are a bit wonky—they are experimenting and learning to use new tools. If you want to, cut a guide from thicker card and draw round it to make more accurate shapes.
- If you don't have scissors, tear shapes from thinner materials. You might get nice textures along torn edges.
- Encourage children to add decorations and symbols that are related to the season they like the most. These can be really simple.
- Explore repeat patterns in the decoration of the sculpture for an additional link to the maths curriculum.



Gather all of your materials and equipment together.



Can you draw a different idea for each season?



Start your sculpture by making the base. This should be as strong as possible.



You can use card to make parts of your sculpture.



You can make some parts from clay!



You can add in things you find in nature, like a leaf or a feather.



You can also combine materials!



Don't forget to have fun!

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