

Found Object Faces

Artists have been making faces forever, with whatever they could find – charcoal faces on cave walls; carving faces into bones, stone and wood; painting faces with ochre, blood, mud, paint and oil on walls, floors, ceilings, shields, shells, canvases, and clay; sculpting faces with wood, animal bones and hair, metal, pots, pans and even vegetables.

You can make your own faces using things you find around the house, garden and in the shed – some of the best art materials can be old junk that other people throw away.

Materials

For the face base:

A flat, roundish board – you can use an old lid, placemat, chopping board, or ask adults to cut one out of MDF for you

For the eyes, nose, mouth, hair, ears

A container to collect lots of interesting stuff – old keys, plastic lids, wire, washing up scourers, stamps, corks, bits of wood, feathers, bottle tops, interesting shaped bits of metal, wood, plastic gloves, buttons, zippers, nuts and bolts and screws, seeds, shells, sticks...*let your imagination go wild!*

Glues

PVA wood glue

Liquid nails clear glue

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Other

Wire

Magnets

Nails



Tools

Old tin for the glue and brush

Old tin and takeaway knife

Drill

Hammer

Brushes

Water

Cloths



Colour

Paint
Textas
Crayons

Method – How to make it

1. Tip all your stuff out on the floor or on a craft table
2. Put your round face base in the middle of it all
3. Practice making different faces with your bits and pieces

IDEA: If you want to remember all your faces and be able to pick the 'best' one then draw several circles on the table (on paper!) and practice a new face on each circle. Choose the one you like the most and make it first. Keep others for a rainy day perhaps!

How to put it all together

Look at the things you chose to make your face from

What is the best way of connecting them to the face base?

If you are attaching metal, it is best to use liquid nails

If you are using wooden blocks for eyes then use a hammer and nails

If you are using feathers, wool, paper or cardboard – lightweight things – the PVA glue would be ok

Sometimes wire is good to attach things – you will need a drill and someone to help you hold and drill holes in the wood.

How to hang it up

Drill hole in top and thread a piece of wire through

Twist wire in loop and hang on wall

Here are some faces our students made in the recent school holiday workshops



Have fun and then try our next project or come to Best Street Studios and try out our great art workshops – make the mess with us!