



Sustainable Waste 2 Art Prize



Mindful Messages

Mixed media combines two or more mediums together to make an artwork. They can be glued, stitched, wrapped or applied to 2D or 3D designs. Using multiple mediums enhances texture, depth and complexity in art making. Conceptual art is where the message behind the art is as important as the final artwork.

Sharing the message about the importance of protecting our environment is essential.

What message would YOU like to send to your community, state and country about environmental sustainability and renewal? You might choose a simplified message such as 'Protect Our Oceans', 'Save Our Koalas' or 'No Tree, No Me'.

Below are some inspiring ideas from great minds around the world.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

– Gandhi, Human rights activist.

"One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world" – Malala Yousafzai, Teenage Educational Activist.

"For society to progress, we should not only move forward, but also clean up after ourselves"

– Boyan Slat, Teenage Inventor of ocean plastics cleaning machine.

"Cherish the natural world because you are part of it and you depend on it"

– Sir David Attenborough, Naturalist.

"The world gives us trash, we give back music!"

– Favio Chavez, Director of 'The Recycled Orchestra'

Steps

1. Reflect upon areas that you are passionate to see change in. Suggestions include sustainable transport, marine pollution, mass consumption and a disposable lifestyle.
2. Think about how to share your message as simply and powerfully as possible. Can you say it in a sentence or less? Refer to the quotes listed to the left as well as researching your own areas of environmental interest.
3. Next, think about how you can translate those words into a physical artwork. In addition, your choice of materials can help give your message extra impact. For example, advocacy about marine pollution could be written using found fishing lines, beach glass or salvaged straws.
4. Once you have your creative idea, begin collecting materials. Plan the quantity of your resources required by first, laying out your items. You might choose to focus on letters and words or create an artwork that embodies your message. Think about what reclaimed waste item you might use as a base to attach your message on to.
5. Once you've collected all of your materials and written your message, secure everything down. Again, it is useful to practice different ways to do this such as sewing and tying, gluing and taping. If your artwork is wall mounted, hang it overnight to ensure it is strong and secure.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

Some ideas to make your base from:

- An old bed sheet or blanket
- A large plastic tub or container
- A flattened cardboard box
- A salvaged tabletop.

Your choice will depend on how you plan to display your artwork – either wall mounted or on a plinth.

Your choice of materials really depends on your message and the kind of impact you want to have.

Below are some ideas for what you can use as a base to stick your message to:

- A flattened cardboard box
- An old table top
- An old bed sheet or blanket.

Some ideas to make your message with:

- Salvaged plastic packaging or straws
- Discarded fishing lines
- Beach glass
- Old toys
- Broken puzzles.

