

Recycled Cardboard Sculptures



This is a wonderful activity for open-ended creativity and storytelling:

- Create a new invention and described the amazing functions of your invention as you build it. As each piece is added, so is another incredible feature of the machine!
- Make a new artistic masterpiece that will be displayed at the Museum of Modern Art!
- Create a sculpture of an animal, object or person.

Materials: Cardboard box/es, Scissors, Paint and Markers (optional), Glue, tape

Activity:

1. Open out your cardboard box and lay it flat on the ground or table. Think through your vision of your sculpture...size, height, width. Sketch out your ideas.
2. Cut your cardboard box into various shapes and sizes needed for your sculpture...this will likely be ongoing and you will continue to cut more pieces as you work on your sculpture.
3. If you are doing an abstract sculpture...or if there are certain parts of your sculpture that will have color, you will next want to paint or color on your cardboard. Make patterns and various designs on the cardboard pieces. Use various household items to trace patterns (for example, a cup to make circles or trace a fun shaped magnet).
4. Begin to assemble your sculpture. To connect your cardboard pieces, you can cut one to four slits in each of the shapes. These slits will allow you to connect the cardboard together—so that they will slide into the slits as connecting points. Glue and tape may also be needed.