

## Land Art

Artists sometimes put art outside or use the environment and natural materials to make artwork. This is called Land Art. Do some Land Art research. Perhaps look for Judy Chicago's work *Atmospheres* or a piece by Ugo Rondinone called *red pink blue green yellow orange mountain*.

How do these artworks make you feel?  
Why do you think the artists chose those particular colours?

### What you will need

- Collected Natural Materials like Stones and Sticks
- Paint or Chalk

Create a brightly coloured sculpture out of collected natural materials. Using paint or chalk you can turn natural objects into contemporary artworks. Arrange your stones and/or sticks in a pattern or pile them on top of each other to create a standing sculpture. Does your artwork have a story or a hidden meaning? Who will you want to tell about the meaning of your art work?

Take your sculpture for a walk and find somewhere you think it fits in (or doesn't!) and take a photograph to send to us. Share your pictures with us by email: [learning@balticmill.com](mailto:learning@balticmill.com)

### Psst...

Climate change affects deserts too. The Sahara Desert, the Earth's largest hot desert, is growing even larger. Is there someone you would like to tell about this?



## Incr-Edible Bread Art

Bread dough is squishy and fun to shape, you can knot it, twist it, roll it and plait it to make some really interesting (and tasty!) bread art.

### What you will need

- Bread Dough (you can use a bread packet mix or follow a recipe with the help of an adult)
- Baking Tray
- Wire Rack
- Tea Towel

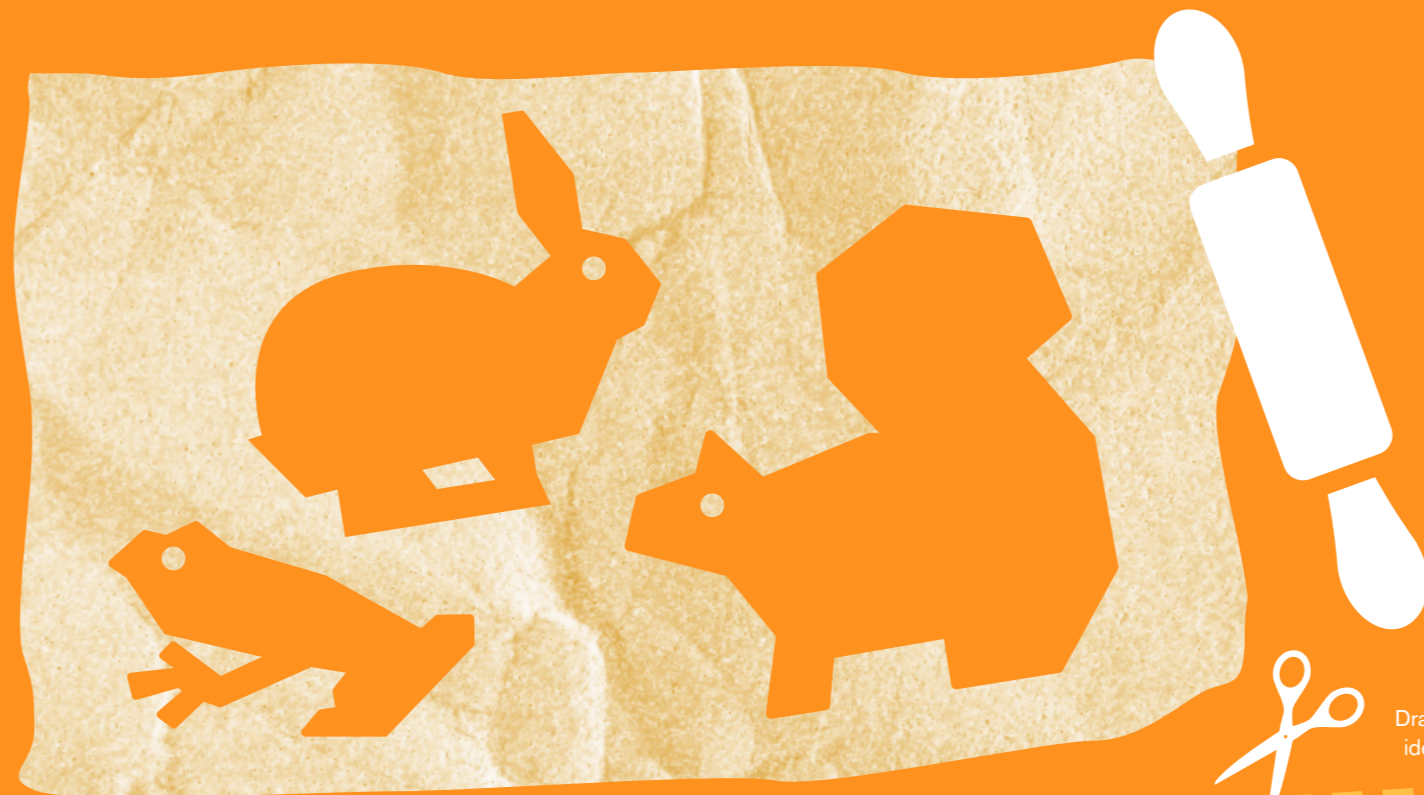
Once you have made your dough divide it into smaller pieces so you can experiment with it to make lots of different shapes. You might want to dust your clean hands with a little flour to make sure your dough doesn't stick when you're making.

What form will your bread dough take? Will you make animals... maybe a desert animal... or something more abstract?

When you're happy with your shapes, bake your bread. The colour, texture and shape of your bread artwork will change as it rises and browns in the oven.

### Psst...

Did you know that BALTIC was a flour mill before it became an art gallery? You can find a recipe for simple bread dough here [www.baltic.art/bread](http://www.baltic.art/bread)



Think of a title for your idea

Draw your idea here

## Get Trading

Share your best tips for reducing what you use, recycling and reusing. Cut out and swap this Trading Card with your friends. They might have some great ideas to share back.

Explain how to do your idea

You should try this because...



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# BALTIC

## ART LAB EXPERIMENTS IN CREATIVITY



Caring for ourselves, each other and our world is really important. Get creative at home with these habitat-inspired activities by artist Isabella Carreras.

These activities use recycled or foraged materials and help us explore more about the environment, particularly the affect of climate change on our world's ecosystems\*. Hopefully these ideas will inspire you to do other art activities too. What else can you make? Think about all the things that you would normally throw away; switch on your imagination and turn them into something amazing.

Think about giving something you make to someone as a gift. Or, why don't you share the instructions for these ideas with your friends so they can be creative too?

Ask an adult where you can work on your ideas and what to wear when you do, especially when working with messy materials like paint and glue.

\*An ecosystem is like a community. It is an environment where plants, animals and other organisms as well as non-living things like the weather and the landscape come together and interact with each other.

## Mini-Deserts

### What do you know about deserts?

Interestingly, there are four types of desert in the world and they're not all covered in sand! Why not get researching... what else can you find out?

For this activity we'll explore the hot, dry desert and create a mini installation. An installation is a type of 3D art; it's like an environment.

### What you will need

- Cardboard Box
- Colourful Collage Scraps (think old wrapping paper, sweet wrappers, magazines)
- Glue
- Scissors
- Pens/Pencils

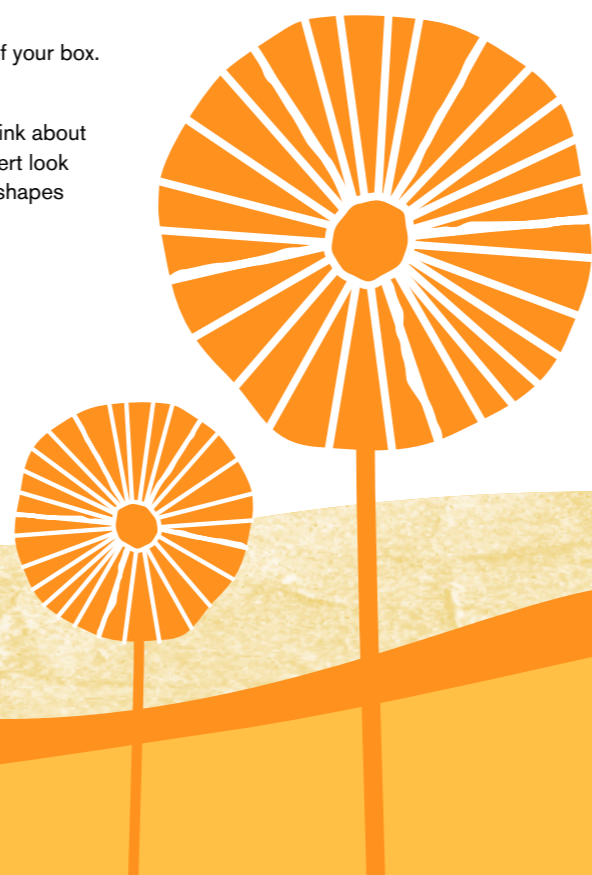
Cut away the top and one side of your box. Decorate the inside.

Switch on your artist persona; think about all the things that make your desert look intriguing; the colours, textures, shapes and stories.

How can you make your installation seem hot and dry? Imagine what it might be like to stand amongst the sand dunes. What does the earth and the sky look like? What, or who, exists in your habitat? From your research you'll know about the different types of cacti, wildflowers, trees and grasses there. Tell stories with your landscape and add these to your installation. How will you make things look like they are close by or far away in the distance?

### Psst...

**Did you know that Antarctica is a desert? Cold deserts are still dry but have extremely low temperatures in comparison to other types of deserts.**



## Animal Inventions

Lots of artists make artwork about animals. This is a good way of helping people think about how we care for animals and their environments. Most of us will never experience living in a desert, so its environment feels unusual and different to what we're used to. Lots of people and animals make their homes there though.

Animals that live in the desert include scorpions, mountain lions, snakes, lizards, spiders, wolves, coyotes, foxes, ground squirrels, rabbits, falcons, ravens, desert tortoises, hawks, eagles, bobcats, sheep, deer, pronghorns, geckos, owls, bats, horned toads and more.

### What you will need

- Pens/Pencils
- Paper

Can you draw all of these animals? If you don't know what they look like, why not make it up? Is it important that animals in artwork look like animals in real-life? You're the artist remember... you decide!

When you've finished, introduce these creatures into your desert installation.

### Psst...

**Not all drawings need to be on new paper; why not try re-using old paper that would otherwise be thrown away? Ask your family about old envelopes or other scrap paper that could become your new canvas.**

