

AUSTRALIAN MARINE DEBRIS INITIATIVE



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Creative Expressions – learning outcome suggestions and cross-subject ideas

Creative ideas that can be used as synthesising tasks and to increase your students' interest

ART WORK

There are many different types of art that you can make out of any marine debris you have collected.

It is amazing how loud and clear students can speak through their creative expression.

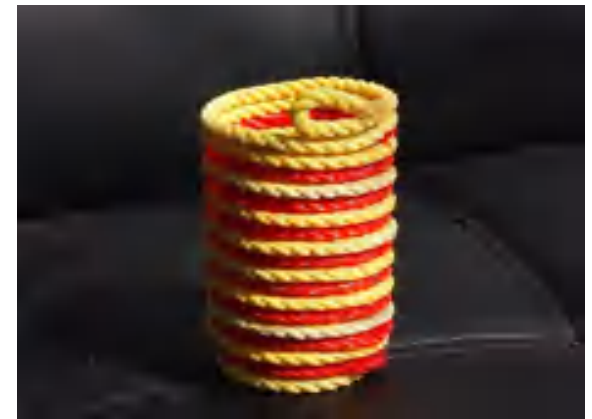
Have an art display using marine debris to share with your local community and help spread the message about marine debris in a positive way.

Following are some pictures of peoples' work for inspiration



Artwork and picture by Jodie Cooper

Using rope to make baskets - artwork and pictures by Jodie Cooper



Artwork and pictures by Jodie Cooper



Mosaic using marine debris



Artwork by Taj Powell

Further links to interesting marine debris art initiatives from around the world

<http://marinedebrisblog.wordpress.com/2012/03/20/1300/>

NOAA Marine Debris Program art contest – this is a link to the 2012 winners!

<http://marinedebrisart.blogspot.com.au/>

An examination of how professional artists interpret the environmental problem of plastic pollution and explore the role of human consumption.

<http://artworks.arts.gov/?p=10837>

Visual artist Anne Percoco created a mobile sculpture from more than 1,000 water bottles.

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MARINE DEBRIS FASHION SHOW:

Use some of the items you found in your beach clean-up as well as other 'trash' items, such as plastic shopping bags, to make a fashion show. Students can create a dialogue for the fashion show, film it and present to a wider audience.

The link below is a short video that students can watch to inspire them!

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1861580511/trashion-marine-debris-makes-a-splash-on-the-world>

A video clip about a fashion designer using marine debris in California in news report format.

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MAKING TOYS OR DISPLAY ITEMS USING MARINE DEBRIS:

See what ideas students can come up with using marine debris to make interesting toys or items. They can sell them at the next school fete!

The link below is a short video showing young people making items from thongs found along the beach in Kenya!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLd16h6YmFY>

A skipping rope made out of plastic bags! Check the link out to see how to do it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iM7HgOGZPEc>

Make a recycled plastic bag football – Africa- style soccer. This video will show you how to do it.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBT7fwZ-fXE>

Make a toy car out of a plastic bottle – a small boy from Africa demonstrates how it is done.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S66P0bonAT8>

Activities

MUD MAPS – have students create a mud map of the beach clean-up area. You could include some of the actual marine debris from your beach clean-up. Make a display for the other classes to see.



DIORAMAS – students could make a diorama of the beach clean-up or just showing marine debris in an ocean setting.



Stories

Pictures: students can take pictures of their beach clean-up and make a story book about it.

Manga story: students could draw Manga pictures and write captions underneath about marine debris.

Community stories: the school could invite members of the community or families of students to share stories about interesting things they have found on the beach.

Indigenous stories: are there any Indigenous Australian stories about the waterways in your area? Or, what about some stories about other indigenous people from other areas? Teachers and students could make a book recreating one of these stories.



Photo: www.mangaupdates.com

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION: students can put together an overview of marine debris or a focus story using a PowerPoint presentation.

VIDEO CLIPS: students can make a short documentary about their beach clean-up or make a little clip about 'the life of a plastic water bottle'.

CARTOONS: using the internet, students can make a cartoon project about marine debris or draw their own and use the computer to type the captions.



Posters



“Otter Not Litter” by Ektaa T., 6th grade, CA
Marine debris impacts me ..



SOURCE REDUCTION PLAN – students could look at an everyday item that ends up becoming marine debris in their school or community and create a way to reduce the usage, replace it using a different item (e.g. plastic cups at school sports events could be replaced with paper cups), or dispose of it better.



This is a logo developed by students from Laura State School in Far North Queensland for an aluminium recycling campaign. This idea is now being adopted by other schools in the Cape York region.

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