



Yoshi the Fish: A Recycled Materials Making Activity

This short art activity and artwork reflection promotes resourceful creative thinking and encourages environmental awareness.

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Yoshi the fish was sculpted by artist Janardhan Havanje on June 5, 2018 in India (Dsouza, 2018). Havanje made this sculpture to bring awareness to the plight of marine animals like fish. It has been estimated that, by 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the world's oceans (Dsouza, 2018). Yoshi is built from iron rods and is filled with plastic waste collected on the beach. The sculpture is 3 meters tall and 2.5 meters wide, making a large statement about waste in our oceans.



Janardhan Havanje, 2018. *Yoshi the fish*. Iron and plastic. Arabian Sea in Karnataka, India

Questions & Activities:

- Make a list of materials around your home that you could use to make artworks.
- Does Yoshi the fish inspire you to make more environmentally friendly artworks? Write why.
- Draw ideas for your own artworks that could tell others about the damage plastic materials cause to marine life.



Cardboard Roll Fish

You will need:

- One recycled cardboard tube per fish (e.g. A toilet paper roll or a paper towel roll cut in half.)
- Pencils, paint, textas, coloured paper, glitter (etc) to decorate
- Scissors

Optional materials:

- Googly eyes or beads (to use as eyes)
- String (to hang your fish)
- Glue/tape (to attach eyes/string)

Method:

1. Flatten your cardboard tube
2. Cut a rounded end for the fish's head
3. Cut two slits at an approximate 45° angle for the tail
4. Fold the angled cut inwards both forwards and backwards and then tuck it inside the fish to create the tail (refer to images below)



5. Decorate your fish
6. Once dry draw eyes and a mouth on each side of your fish.
7. *Optional* - attach string with glue or tape to the mouth end of your fish, so the fish can hang like it is on a fishing line. You could make many different sized or coloured fish.



The possibilities are endless when you add your own twist to your fish!

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