

Andy Goldsworthy

Andy Goldsworthy is a British artist. He is known for his work in sculpture and photography. Andy is an environmentalist and this is reflected in the nature-based aspect of much of his work.

Andy describes his art as working “with nature as a whole”. His sculptures are often made up of stones, twigs, flowers, mud, snow and icicles. Many of Andy’s sculptures are created on the site where the objects are found. This is called land art or environmental art.



Art Ideas for all Children

- Andy has made rock balancing popular. Rock balancing is a form of art where rocks and pebbles are balanced on each other without using glue, wires or anything else to keep them together. Children can try out the art of rock/pebble balancing with resources found on the school site.
- Children to explore how many colours they can find using natural objects.
- Can children make a line of stones, pebbles, twigs, and leaves so that each object in the line is smaller than the last one.
- Can children make a spiral out of natural objects found on the school site. Children to think about use of colour and pattern.
- Can children make an arch or tunnel from natural materials.
- Can children create a sculpture using natural objects. Are they able to tie parts together using natural materials e.g. two sticks together using flexible twigs.
- Can children make a sculpture from sticks and hang from a tree. Create a temporary art walk on your school field – if you are lucky enough to have trees on your school grounds, why not decorate them with vibrant hanging decorations?
- Can children scratch a rock with something creating a design or pattern.



Links to Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zs87tfr> (KS1)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zh4wmp3> (KS2)

<http://www.leaningintothewind.com/> (Short video with Andy Goldsworthy)