

Family Art from Home

Wire Sculpture Celebration

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Abstract or realistic, let's call it a sculpture and celebrate the International Sculpture Day!

Materials Needed

- Scissors
- Wire (Aluminum or Pipe Cleaners)
- Paper (tissue, decorative)
- Mod Podge or Elmer's glue
- Hot Glue (for attaching to a base)
- Paints (Optional)
- Brushes (Optional)

How to Do It

1. Start with a long piece of wire, bending, twisting and securing wires as you go. Some familiar shape could appear right away, otherwise keep bending and twisting.

2. Attach additional wire pieces at the core structure. Do you see something familiar? Do you like the abstract shape that does not remind you of anything?

3. Tear paper into strips (tissue or decorative). Dilute either Mod Podge or Elmer's glue so it could be easily painted lightly on pieces of paper (some patience is required for working with tissue paper) and attached across the sculpture wires creating the 'skin'. The tissue paper is easier to work with when using a brush instead of the fingers to wrap the tissue paper around the wires. Set aside, let dry.

4. Work on any other pieces that complete your final sculpture. Add details or paper items.

5. Paint your sculpture after the paper dries if you so desire.

6. Select a desirable background and platform for your masterpiece and attach for a permanent display.

Variations

If you end up with a hollow shape (using tissue paper), it can be internally illuminated with a battery powered tea light.

If a wire is not at your arm's reach, you can substitute with pieces of cardboard (either hot glued together or slit joined).



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