

What is a Home? Part II

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3rd and 4th grade

45 minutes

Objectives:

Students will...

- Use recycled and found materials to create a sculptural object.
- Understand how to collage materials to create texture and depth
- Continue to think critically about their relationship to their home and the nature around them.



Materials:

- Paper plates/bowls
- Towel rolls/toilet paper rolls
- Tape
- Brushes
- Glue/water mixture
 - Cups
- Paper towels
- Markers/paint (optional)
- Any leftover art supplies including but not limited to:
 - Fabric strips
 - Buttons, beads
 - Yarn
 - Construction paper scraps
 - Tissue paper

Teacher Materials:

- Photos of artist references
 - Gabriel Akagawa
 - Katie Latona
- Exemplar



Procedure:

Discussion (10 minutes)

- Recall drawings and information from previous lesson (Part I)
- Show pictures of contemporary artists who use animal habitats as a subject for their works (Images can be found in Resources section of lesson plan on website)
 - Katie Latona – Used gray hairs to make spider web
 - Gabriel Akagawa – Used ceiling boards to create beehive structures
 - *How do these structures interact with their surroundings?*
 - *Are they invasive, invisible, practical?*

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PROJECT:

- Students will use plates and bowls to create the structure for their animal habitats. Materials will be attached with glue/water mixture and may paint/color their homes to look accordingly.
- Nest, beehive, cave, web, burrow, etc. (Look at drawings from last class)

DEMO:

- Present all materials
- Make glue/water mixture (either as a class or teacher only – squeeze glue into cup and little amounts of water so glue is easily spreadable)

DISTRIBUTE MATERIALS

- Have students come up by row or table and choose materials
- Can always come back, use sparingly, (We are learning about sustainability!)

Work Session: (20 minutes)

- Walk around, ask questions, help with technical problems



Clean up (5 minutes)

Closure (5 minutes)

- *Would you live in the home you created?*
- *Do you think that houses could be made with the found materials/natural materials?*
 - *Natural materials – straw, twigs, mud, natural caves*