

We Are *Still* Here: Out The Front

Sharing your artistic talent from your front yard.



We Are Still Here is all about making ourselves visible during Lockdown and there's no better way to express this than through our own front yard art trail

We are encouraging everyone to develop their own creative ideas and bring their artistic talents to their front yards. How can you represent your lockdown experience in your front window, yard or garden?

Brightening up your neighbours walks

This year why not get creative during Home School and make your yard your gallery. Local artist Giles Leaman has provided some simple ideas that you can download from our website (Below) or if your feeling creative you could simply sculpt, paint, upcycle or create something wonderful yourself.



Let us know what you are doing and where you are located so we can add you to our art trail map

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How to make recycled plastic flowers

Flowers have been blooming, lets create our own blossom to decorate our streets!!!



Take a plastic drink bottle and use scissors to snip through the bottle almost at the base.



Draw petal shapes around the bottle, growing up from the lid end.



Cut the petals out of the bottle and bend the petals back on themselves.



Paint the petals in different colours or patterns.



Tie string around or put a cork in the bottle neck and poke a stick through to hang or stand your flower



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Our world inside a box

After weeks inside, why not create your favourite story inside a box display it for everyone to see.



You will need a box with a lid which you can open out. Paper, cardboard kitchen towel & pipe cleaners.



Open the box out and use the flaps to write your ideas and descriptions of your story. (example - park)



Draw, paint or collage a background on a piece of card and stick it to the back of the box



Use the kitchen roll to create tree trunks and green card the leaves and branches.



Create characters using pipe cleaners, and stick them into the scene.



Place the world in your front window, either propped up on a table or use tape to stick it in place.

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Salt dough

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You will need
2 cups of plain flour
1 cup of salt
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water



Mix everything together inside a bowl, then tip onto surface and kneed for 10 mins until the dough is pliable, soft and warm to touch.



Create the shape of decoration you want to share. Remember to make a small hole in the top to tie a string later.

Bake in ovens lowest setting for 3hrs



Paint or leave plain and for extra protection varnish if you have any.

Use a string through the hole to hang from a tree or plant in your front yard.