

Devonport Regional Gallery presents

Home is where the 'art is...

A creative on-line community

Providing inspiration and motivation to create and share your ideas and artworks with a theme around *home*

As the gallery's public programs are postponed due to the current pandemic and we can no longer meet for our regular art workshops, I would like to extend an invitation to join a creative on-line community. A place where you can gain inspiration for projects to try at home and a virtual notice board where you can share your creations with others... ***Welcome to Project 1...***

Project 1: Home Sweet Home

A House

What is a house?

*It's brick and stone
and wood that's hard.*

Some window glass

And perhaps a yard

It's eaves and chimney's

And tile floors

And stucco and roof

And lots of doors.

What is a home?

It's loving and family

And doing for others.

It's brothers and sisters

And fathers and mothers.

It's unselfish acts

And kindly sharing

*And showing your loved ones
you're always caring*

poem by Lorraine M. Halli

Create a house lantern using a milk carton and Paper Mache. Decorate your house however you like and send in pictures of your completed houses to share.



Project 1:

Home

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You Will Need...

- 1 milk carton
- 1 Tbspn Cel mix Paper Mache glue
- 1 Litre water
- Small sharp nail scissors or Stanley knife
- Newspaper
- White Office paper
- Coloured cellophane
- Paints, texters, drawing or collage materials
- LED battery operated tea light



COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING ART PROJECT AND SHARE YOUR CREATIONS...

Step 1:

Mix up some Paper Mache glue: 1 Tbspn Cel mix with 1 litre of water and leave overnight at room temperature. Stir well and cover.



STEP 2:

With a permanent marker or pen, draw lines on your milk carton where you would like your windows and doors to be.

Tip: Don't make your window openings too small or they will be harder to Paper Mache later.



STEP 3:

Cut out the windows and door carefully using a Stanley knife or scissors, I found small sharp nail scissors worked best. (Leave one long side of the door uncut so your door can open and close)

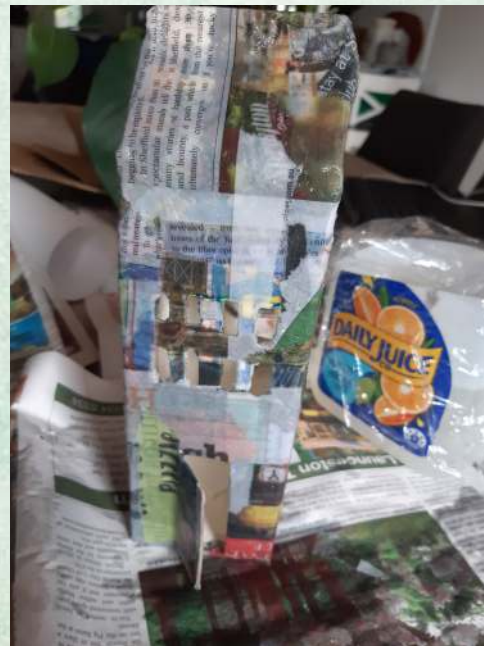


Get an adult to help you cutting out and please be careful with sharp scissors and knives!

STEP 4:

Apply strips of torn newspaper all over your milk carton using the pre prepared Cel mix glue all over to stick and seal it. Do a few layers until it is thick and strong. Leave it to dry over night.

Tip: Use your fingers to dip small torn pieces of newspaper into Cel mix, scrape excess glue off with fingers, and apply to milk carton carefully squashing out any air bubbles.



Please note: Covering your milk carton house in newspaper and Cel mix is a messy job! Best done outside or with newspaper and drop sheet down. Easily cleaned up with water and is non-toxic.

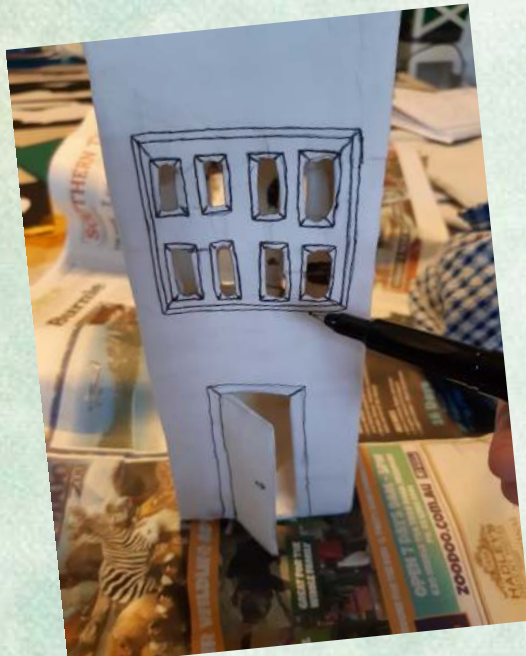
Make sure you apply the Paper Mache through your window cut outs, don't cover up your windows!

STEP 5:

When you are happy with your Paper Mache thickness, do a couple of layers using white paper to finish. Again allow to dry over night.

Note: Use firm pressure with your fingers to apply the paper as it can be a bit stiff at first and might need a bit of working to get it to stick around corners. I used my small scissors to help me stick it down through the windows. It can be a bit fiddly so have patience!





STEP 6:

Once your Paper Mache is dry your house can be coloured and drawn or painted on to give it its final character. You could paint it, draw on it or even stick some materials you have found onto it. The choice is yours... be as creative as you like!

STEP 7: (optional)

Lastly, fill in the window gaps with coloured cellophane. Measure how big you need to cut it to make sure it is big enough to completely cover your windows. Stick it down using sticky tape or glue from inside to create colourful glass for your windows.

(you may have to cut out the bottom of your milk carton to fit your hand inside to attach the cellophane)



PLACE A BATTERY OPERATED LED TEA LIGHT INSIDE TO LIGHT YOUR HOUSE FROM WITHIN.

FEELING INSPIRED?....

WHY NOT CREATE MORE?

SEE HOW MANY DIFFERENT SIZED AND SHAPED CARTONS AND BOXES YOU CAN FIND TO TURN INTO HOUSES. CREATE A WHOLE VILLAGE IF YOU LIKE!

TAKE A PHOTO OF YOUR HOUSE (S) WITH THEM AGAINST A BLANK WALL SO I CAN CREATE A DIGITAL COLLAGE OF OUR ART COMMUNITIES VILLAGE TO SHARE ON-LINE!

E-MAIL YOUR PICTURES OF YOUR MASTERPIECES TO:

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