

Art Project for April 28th – May 12th, 2020

Hello students!

Thank you so much for the images and descriptions you have sent in to me on my school email for the Andy Goldsworthy Earth Work-Nature Art Project. I have been most pleased with the variety of materials chosen and your connections with spirals, circles, and habitats made from all outdoor natural items. Great effort and creative results!

You received an “Art Project Return Folder” today to submit your art projects and to retrieve the art projects I have sent back with my art commentaries. Please use this folder to submit your work when not attaching it to an email. Both approaches are fine with me.

Your next art project is to research “Gothic Cathedrals” from medieval Europe. Google “Gothic Cathedrals” and look for the decorations carved on the outside of the church edifice (structure) specifically the Gargoyle.

Research why the gargoyle was put on cathedrals. They are imposing creatures, sometimes half human/half animal, with wings and scales. Creepy. Who do they represent? Human sin? Temptation? Or what? Why are they on places of Christian Catholic Worship?

Please create a gargoyle in a drawing, modeling clay, or homemade clay (recipe below), **or bread dough**. Try to make it about the size of your hand, not too small.

- If you choose to use a homemade dough or bread dough, it can be baked in the oven at 125 degrees for half an hour.
- DO NOT USE MICROWAVE.
- DO NOT BAKE MODELLING CLAY. Modeling clay has an oily base and never dries out (that is why it can be used again).

Make the gargoyle first. Then write a description about what you learned about the meaning of gargoyles. Also answer the question: what does the gargoyle you made mean to you?

Send the photos and written description to me at: assumptionart@nelson-tel.net

If you choose to do this project in drawing or color, please put it and your description in your pocket Art folder when you are ready to submit.

Have fun!

Thank you, and stay healthy and safe!

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Quick and Easy Homemade Clay from WikiHow.com

(<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Clay>)

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1½ cups salt
- 1½ cups water

1) Mix 4 cups of flour and 1½ cups of salt in a large bowl.

- Add both dry ingredients to a large mixing bowl.
- Then, use a big plastic or wooden spoon to stir the dry ingredients until they are thoroughly mixed.
- Make sure the flour and salt are mixed well before you add the water, because it will be harder to redistribute one of the ingredients once the clay starts to form.

2) Add 1½ cups of water gradually as you stir the mixture.

- Pour small amounts of water into the bowl at a time, stirring between pours.
- Blend the mixture as well as you can before you add more water.
- By the time all of the water is added to the bowl, your clay should be forming a ball.
- It should get harder to stir each time you add more water.

3) Knead the clay until it reaches an even consistency.

- Take your clay out of the bowl and place it on a flat surface, like the kitchen counter.
- Use your hands to push and pull the clay to work it into a nice consistency.
- You can also pick up your clay and throw it down on the counter to work out any air bubbles that might be present. This will help your clay stay moist longer.

4) Sculpt the clay as you desire.

- Now that your clay is ready, you can mold it into a figure, create ornaments, or just play around. Use it as you would use a store-bought clay.

Allow the clay to air dry for 2 days to preserve your model.

- If you want to create a sculpture or keepsake, you'll need to let your clay dry. This kind of clay dries out pretty quickly, but it's best to leave it untouched for at least 2 days to make sure it's fully dry.
- If you need to speed up the drying process, bake your clay at 200 degrees for 3 hours. If it still feels soft after 3 hours, you can put it back into the oven for up to 2 more hours.

Store unused clay in an airtight container.

- You can preserve your clay for a few weeks by keeping it in an airtight container.
- Make sure you leave the clay in the container whenever you're not playing with it, as it will dry a little bit whenever it's exposed to the air.
- For extra longevity, place the clay in the refrigerator.