

MULTIMEDIA MURAL ART

Curriculum topics

- Creativity
- Geometric Shapes
- Teamwork
- Social Emotional Learning

Subjects

- Visual Arts
- Geometry

Grade range: 3 – 8

Serves: Each kit can be used by 1-4 students at a time, individually or in small group collaboration depending on the intended outcomes.

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Different types of murals have been a part of significant artistic movements in many cultures. From large fresco murals in ancient Europe to famous industrial Mexican murals in the 20th century, murals have been a way to share profound and unifying messages.

RAFT's Multimedia Mural Art Kit offers students a chance to explore the artistic wonder of murals. Each kit comes with four to eight panels and colorful reusable materials that can be creatively arranged, modified, and connected in a multitude of ways to create a small or large group project. Use our mural kit to engage students in any relevant lesson that you have or use one of our Design Challenge Prompts! (See next page)



Materials

Materials in the kit may vary but generally, this kit contains the following creative reuse materials:

- Tongue Scrapers
- Bottle caps
- Stamp pads
- Plastic clips
- Wooden circle
- Straws
- CD
- Pipette tips



Facilitation

From trash to treasure this kit can be thought of as a recycled art project. When first developed it was intended as a mural project where students create their own artwork on a cardboard square and then joined their pieces together to form a creative reuse mural. Use it as such or to promote self-expression, shared experiences, communication and/or to explore geometric shapes and patterns.

A few suggestions for getting started:

- Have students explore and name the various materials.
- Give students a prompt: "This (hold up selected item) reminds me of _____."
- Challenge students to make a shape (square, circle, trapezoid) using a limited number of materials.

Once students have had a chance to explore the material, pick from the design challenge prompts below or create your own. Give students plenty of time and space to plan, create and make.

Design Challenge Prompts

This kit does not come with assembly instructions. Instead, students are to respond to a design challenge prompt using available materials to create their own version. Select one of the following or choose your own.

1

Creating a Community Message with Murals:

Your school has not come together in person for over a year. Your school has decided to showcase the artistic power of your community by banding together to create a multimedia paneled mural that expresses your feelings of coming back in person as a community.

Challenge Statement:

Create a mural that expresses a **message of unity** and **individuality** through your design.

2

A Geometric Gallery Submission:

A world famous art dealer is looking for the next big thing in mural art. He has put on a contest that asks for artists to make unique geometric and 3D mural designs. The winner of his contest will be awarded a spot in his gallery and eternal fame.

Challenge Statement:

Create a mural that has **six** unique geometric **shapes**, **five** different **colors** and has **four panels**.

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Share student creations with RAFT! Submit photos/video via email: education@raft.net

Core Content Skills:

Math

Reason with shapes and their attributes.

Draw, construct, and describe geometrical figures and describe the relationships between them.

Visual Arts

Experiment with forms, structures, materials, concepts, media, and art-making approaches.

Presenters consider various techniques, methods, venues, and criteria when analyzing, selecting, and curating objects, artifacts, and artworks for preservation and presentation.

Individual aesthetic and empathetic awareness developed through engagement with art can lead to understanding and appreciation of self, others, the natural world, and constructed environments.

Social Emotional Learning

- Self-awareness
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills

Literary Connections

Use the book mentioned below as a student resource for this activity.

- “[Murals: Walls that Sing](https://amzn.to/36OV4XD)”, by George Ancona” (<https://amzn.to/36OV4XD>)

Reuse

This kit uses 100% reusable materials designed for other uses. To continue making a positive impact in reducing waste, reuse these materials in other projects. Additionally, any unused materials can be collected and delivered back to RAFT.

Feedback

Please comment on this kit by taking this short survey: <http://bit.ly/RAFTkitsurvey>. Let us know of any material concerns such as missing, broken, or poorly fitting parts as well as improvements or other suggestions.

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Animated Flip Books
Scallop Circle String Art
Mathematical Dream Catchers

Resources

- Mural Understanding, History, Evolution, and more! - <https://www.imural.id/en/blog/mural-history/>
- Stunning mural from around the world - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aakb3CwL6k>