

Unearthing Creativity

Gateways to creative activity - Worksheet

Capturing treasures

"I did tests on small stones before collecting and committing myself to the larger ones." - Andy Goldsworthy

Purpose: Unusual objects collected from your immediate environment can become starting points for creativity and imagination. Discover things that you like. Why are you drawn to them?

Materials: Very little is required for this prompt!

- A small carrier bag
- Camera/mobile phone camera
- Sketchbook/old diary/journal

Process

1. Next time you're out Creative Walking... lookout for unusual objects you might find. Repeat the process multiple times until a theme emerges. It doesn't matter if there's no theme too! They might be...

- a discarded bottle top/drinks can that's been crushed by a car
- an interesting coloured leaf
- printed/patterned paper
- tickets, or receipts
- discarded electronics
- a discarded shopping list
- a pebble, shell or stone with interesting colours or patterns

2. Find a container/empty jam jar to put your treasures in. Try old plastic folders or an old desk divider.

3. What can you make/draw that's inspired by your treasure?



Things to consider...

- Is there a colour palette that you could put together based on your finds?
- Are there similar textures?
- What do the objects communicate about the place that you found them? Are they particular to where you live?
- We'd love to see what you've collected. Please share them with us!
- Tag us on Instagram: #UnearthingCreativity #Unearthing #treasure
- Join our private Facebook group 'Unearthing Creativity'
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3995839470641387>

Unearthing Creativity is a collaborative project which is being delivered by artists Marion Cheung, Naz Syed, Creative Lives and Age Cymru.

For further information, please see
www.creative-lives.org/unearthing-creativity

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