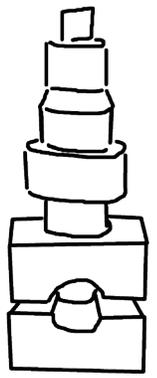


ArtLAB

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ArtLAB: Take-Home Edition TOWERING STACKS

This year Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) is excited to present American sculptor Beverly Pepper's work and has designed playful artmaking activities for you to make at home. Inspired by the sculptures located in the palm plaza, we will experiment with materials and finishes to evoke some of her techniques.

MCASD invites you to enjoy another ArtLab: Take-Home Edition, an artmaking experience for the whole family to enjoy at home. In this project, you will look closely at *Severio Column* (1978) by Beverly Pepper. When we say closely, we mean zoom in and pay attention to each section of this artwork. What shapes do you recognize? How do you think it was made? What do you think it is made of?

Using tinted wood, you can recreate the appearance of rusted metal. Do you want to give it a try? Inspired by Beverly Pepper's, we will experiment with markers, water, and wood. Don't worry if you don't have the same materials--have fun, and be creative with your substitutes! Once completed, you can share it with us via social media or MCASD React.

About the Artist

Beverly Pepper (1922-2020) was a prolific American artist known for her monumental sculptures, land art, and site-specific installations. She remained independent from any particular art movement, experimental in her practice, and created work out of unique materials such as a sheet of metal, trunks of trees, and industrial debris.

Explore

Before you head home, take a closer look at the sculptures.

What colors do you see?

How do you think she achieves that effect?

Can you imagine how to give a similar effect to wood?

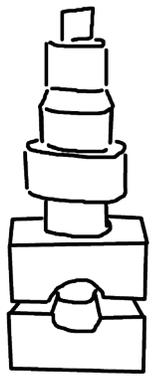
Are you now ready to create your rust-like quality to your wood inspired by Beverly Pepper's sculptures?

Vocabulary: Rust is a reddish or brownish flaky coating of iron oxide formed on iron or steel by oxidation, especially in the presence of moisture.



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Supplies

- 1 Unfinished Natural Wood Craft Dowel Rod (6 x 1/4 in)
- 5 Assorted Wood Pieces and Shapes
- 1 Wheel Slab
- 1 Unfinished Wooden Block 1"
- 1 Elmer's Products, Inc. E7000 Carpenters Wood Glue, 4 Fl oz
- 1 Brown Waterbased Marker
- 1 Green Waterbased Marker
- 1 Two-sided instruction sheet

Before your art lesson

Be sure to wear clothes that won't mind a splatter.

Set your art supplies in a clean and dry working area, such as your kitchen table. You can cover it with plastic or scrap paper to protect the table or the surface.

Mise en place, which means "putting in place" or "everything in its place." It refers to the setup of required materials before cooking and is often used in professional kitchens to organize and arrange the ingredients. Here it refers to organizing your supplies. Put water into a sturdy cup to avoid spilling, and have paper towels or napkins in case you need to clean up.

Instructions

Using the markers provided, give a rust color to your wood. You can dip your marker in a tablespoon of water and use it as ink, which you can apply with a brush or a cotton ball. Another option is to color directly with your markers on the wood and then use a wet paper towel to dab each piece of wood.

Once your wood has been tinted in a rust color, let it dry. While it is drying, start thinking about how you would like to stack your wood pieces to create a tower.

When your wood is dry, start stacking the pieces on the dowel and glueing them together using Carpenter's Wood Glue.

We recommend that you use the 1x1 wood cube as your base and the wheel slab to secure the wood dowel, but other than that, you are free to use the other wood pieces in any order.

Be creative! Share a photo of your final work with @westfieldutc or @mcasandiego

Resources

www.mcasd.org/blog/family-artlab-take-home-edition-towering-stack

