

ACTIVITY 7 – EXTENSION 3

Tablepieces

A fun way to re-use materials is to use them for artistic purposes, and this often makes people think about the value and uses of waste materials, and potentially extends a message about excessive consumption and environmental pollution.

ACAVAM 107/107 Use and experiment with different materials, techniques, technologies and processes to make artworks

Sustainability OI.5, OI.6, OI.7, OI.8 The sustainability of ecological, social and economic systems is achieved through informed individual and community action that values local and global equity and fairness across generations into the future. Actions for a more sustainable future reflect values of care, respect and responsibility.

Before the activity

Collect a range of inert waste materials which can be used for artistic purposes, such as coloured card, lids, wire, plastic packaging.

Method

If there is to be a conference or a dinner in the future within the school/community, ask the children to make a centrepiece for each dinner table from found objects. Examples are shown.

Students can think of balancing shapes, heights, colour, textures and tailor a centrepiece to the audience who will be looking at them.

Reinforce the Reduce, Re-use, Recycle message. Discuss what we are doing when we make such a display (e.g. *avoiding buying expensive flowers, showing people that waste can be used again*).

