



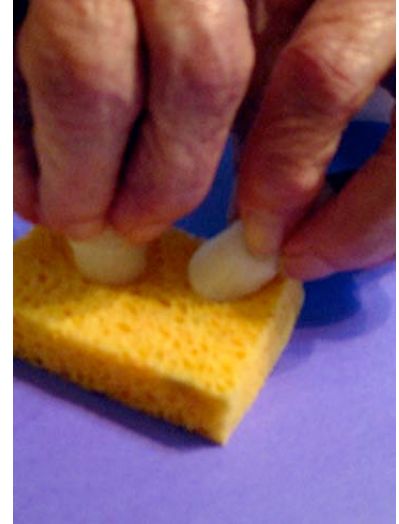
Sculpture incorporates a variety of materials. Some materials are common and can be found with little or no cost. Two sculpture ideas are listed below.



1. Packing Peanut Sculpture
Packing Peanuts, made from cornstarch, are an easy material to sculpt. Students can add pieces as well as take pieces away to produce an interesting three-dimensional work of art.



Materials needed are only the packing peanuts and a damp sponge.



The sequence for joining the packing peanuts:

FIRST, Touch the sponge.



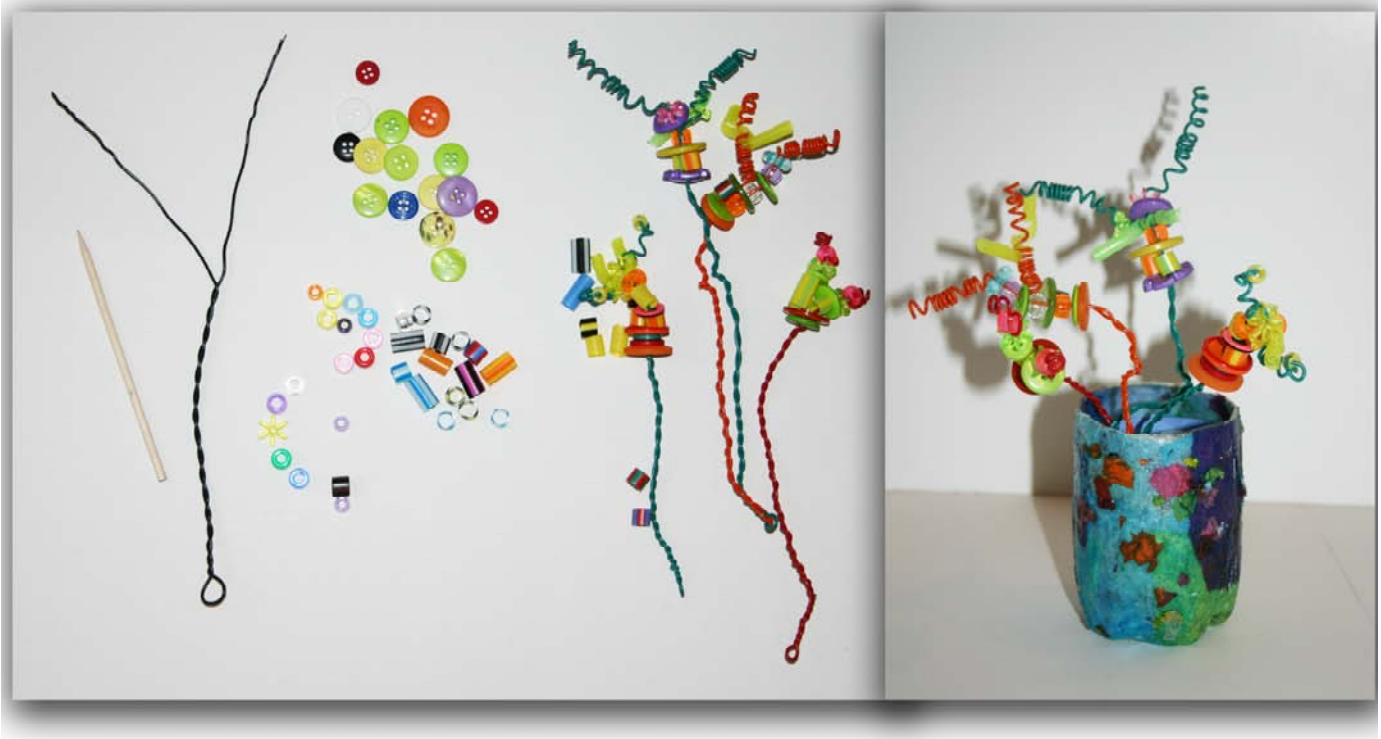
SECOND, Touch another peanut.



THIRD, Repeat until you are satisfied with a finished sculpture.



Try creating letters to write words.



2. Button and Bead Flowers in a Vase

The project can last several class periods. When making the flowers there are small parts. Be careful students do not put these parts in their mouth.



Vase step one:

The armature for the vase is a recycled plastic bottle. Precut the top off and have students cover with paper maché. In this example we used white paper toweling. Allow for drying.



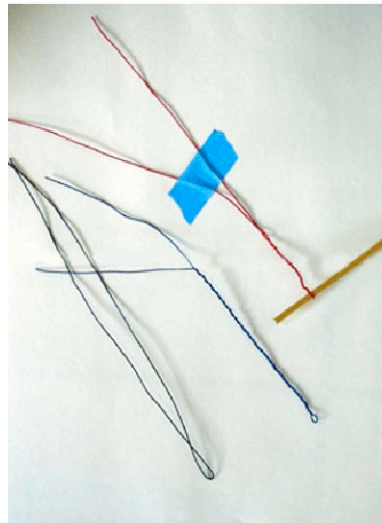
Vase step two:

For the next layer we used Mod Podge and tissue paper. Use a brush to coat the vase with Mod Podge, add tissue paper, and another coat of Mod Podge. Confetti tissue paper was added last.



Materials needed to make the flowers include:

- Wire, a coated copper wire
- Buttons, various sizes and colors
- Beads, various sizes and colors
- Beads made from straws
- Wooden dowel



Button and Bead Flowers step one:

Fold wire in half and twist leaving 4" to 5" at the end. Twisting can be difficult for students with physical limitations. Tape cut ends of the wire to desk. Insert pencil or the wooden dowel at the other and twist.



Button and Bead Flowers step two:

Add buttons, beads, etc. then twist the remaining wire around a wooden dowel to keep the beads on the flower sculpture.



Continue making flowers. Let students experiment.

Consider size and weight when choosing buttons and beads to use to create flowers.



Arrange flowers in vase. If the vase is unstable add weight to the inside of the vase.

Because the vase is water tight, real flowers can be added to the arrangement.



The inspiration from this project idea came from artwork I had done for a friend as a house-warming gift. Another friend had seen the flowers and used them to add interest to her wedding flowers. Her bouquet had many Button and Bead Flowers mixed within the real flowers.