ART RECESS:
April 6-10

Join us every day at noon for a creative moment to temporarily suspend the stress of self-isolation.

Each day we’ll post a fun and easy art activity that you can do in 20 minutes or less. TMA Art Recess uses things that you have around the home or that you can find in nature. TMA invites the public to take an Art Recess every day to change their daily routine and exercise their creative thinking with a different activity each day.

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Monday, April 6, 2020

EPHEMERAL LAND ART

Let's kick things off today by creating some ephemeral land art. Spend 10 minutes collecting fallen leaves, flowers, and plant clippings. Then, group them by color and shape. Use these groups to create a peaceful symmetrical design. Capture it with a photograph, and then let nature slowly blow it away.

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

COLOR COLLECTION

Don't be blue, for today's #TMAArtRecess all you will need a camera or a pencil and paper. Pick a color and take a walk in your neighborhood (or even your backyard!). Notice all of the things that are your color. Take a picture or draw a quick sketch of everything you see that is your color. Upload your pictures to your favorite social media outlet, tag us and don’t
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
FROTTAGE

A frottage is a work of art with a rubbing taken from an uneven surface as its foundation and today's #TMAArtRecess. Head outside and collect objects with interesting textures for your frottage. Place a piece of paper over your object and gently rub a pencil or crayon over that spot on your paper. Try to capture as many different textures as possible. Make rubbings of entire objects, or use those textures to create an imaginary scene. You can rub very gently in some places for a light image or press a little harder for a darker image. Share your frottage with us on and use #TMAArtRecess.

Thursday, April 9, 2020
NATURAL PAINT

Sometimes the best art supplies can be found outside. See if you can create a paint brush using natural materials from outside. Collect palms, pine needles, leaves, whatever you can find. Use them individually or bind them together with grass or string and use that brush to create a painting. You can use this as an opportunity to gather weeds, and tie them together with a blade of grass. What will you create with your new brush? Share it with us by tagging the Museum and using #TMAArtRecess.

Friday, April 10, 2020
COFFEE PAINTING

Reuse some of coffee grounds from this morning for today's #TMAArtRecess. You will need a rag or paper towel, left over coffee grounds, a mug, a piece of paper, a paintbrush, and a pen. Tape your paper to your work surface to keep it from getting wrinkled. Put the coffee filter and grounds in a mug. Pour a small amount of hot water over the grounds. Or you can brew a very small, strong cup. Let the coffee cool. Use your paint brush, rag, or paper towel to paint the coffee over your paper. To get darker shades, let the coffee dry and then dab more on top. Use a dry rag or paper towel to soak up puddles. When the coffee dries, use the pen to turn your puddles into a picture.