

# Andy Goldsworthy 9-12

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## Lesson

Ever heard of Land Art or Earth Art? Land art is when artwork is made using the land, using all natural materials, & is usually outside. Often land/Earth art is ephemeral, meaning it does not last forever or will be changed over time due to forces of nature.



Andy Goldsworthy is an Earth Artist, all his work is made of natural materials often at a certain location outside, and all that the viewers of his artwork get to see are photographs or video of his work. Occasionally he makes artwork to go into art galleries & museums, but he is still using only natural materials. When making his work, Andy Goldsworthy often has to endure cold, wet, windy, or hot weather while he makes his artwork, sometimes his pieces do not work & he has to start all over. His work is about nature & he works with it, not against it. His work can highlight the beauty of nature as well as its strength & sometimes even its fragility.

## Questions for students

What do you think about his artwork?

Do you think his artwork can help people see nature in a different way?

Do you think you could make something inspired by him?

What are the benefits of working the way he does? What are the down sides?

Please us the [Other Resources Page](#) before you start the art project



## Materials

- Camera
- Maybe Scissors/Shovel
- Bag for collecting items
- Mother Nature



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# Other Learning Resources

## Documentaries To Watch About Andy Goldsworthy

### Rivers and Tides: Andy Goldsworthy Working With Time

Directed by: Thomas Riedelsheimer,

watch the preview- [http://www.thomas-riedelsheimer.de/Rivers\\_and\\_Tides.html](http://www.thomas-riedelsheimer.de/Rivers_and_Tides.html)

### Leaning Into The Wind-AndyGoldsworthy

Directed by: Thomas Riedelsheimer,

Watch the preview- <https://www.leaningintothewind.com/>

## More Information About Andy Goldsworthy & Earth Art

<https://www.theartstory.org/artist/goldsworthy-andy/>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Andy-Goldsworthy>

<https://www.theartstory.org/movement/earth-art/>

## Videos About Andy Goldsworthy

<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/artist.php?id=1>

<https://classroom.google.com/u/1/c/Nzg3NjA2MzQ5NDIa/a/OTI5MDY2NjIwNzda/details>

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# Instructions



1. Go out for a walk somewhere that you really like, observe the kinds of plants, textures, colors you see.
2. Sketch an idea for what kinds of materials you could use & what you might make with them. Think about the space you might make the piece in.
3. On a nice day go for a walk again, but this time with a bag & maybe a pair of scissors or other tools you may need to help you execute your Earth Art.
4. As you collect materials keep in mind, do not destroy a plant, use things that are abundant. Don't destroy your neighbors plants! Be respectful, let people know what you are doing. Try to find things already on the ground. Look for rocks, dirt/sand, leaves, flowers, sticks, seeds...
5. Once you have collected materials. Find where you want to make your work. Is it on the ground, in a tree, is there water?
6. Lay out your materials & start to arrange/build. You may not get something you like on the 1st try, keep messing with it. Think about symbols that means something to you in your life. Think about what you want to say. Think about something that would make a passerby stop & look.
7. After you have made your piece, take a picture of it. Share it & make more art! If you share on social media, pay homage to your inspiration [#AndyGoldsworthyInspired](#)



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