Students will...

- Create a three-dimensional sculptural form that generates interest from all angles
- Mix primary, secondary, and tertiary colors directly on completed sculpture
- Incorporate aesthetics, personal expression, good craftsmanship, and work habits

**OBJECTIVES**

**VOCABULARY**

- sculpture
- three-dimensional
- balance
- scale
- primary colors
- secondary colors
INTRODUCTION

Discuss with students the area’s best playgrounds. Determine what they believe makes the most enjoyable playground and what piece of equipment is their favorite. Post photo examples of students at play on the current school playground. Have students imagine that their school Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and principal have asked their class to design a new playground for the school. These playgrounds do not need to be ordinary. Encourage students’ imaginations by suggesting their playground might have a hot tub, wading pool, or roller coaster. The sky’s the limit.

DIRECTIONS

**STEP 1**
Select a variety of recycled and purchased materials. Begin to assemble sculpture on a cardboard base.

**STEP 2**
Demonstrate how to smear thick, tacky glue on individual pieces of wood and cardboard pieces using a tongue depressor. Glue as you build. The last piece to be glued to the sculpture is the tongue depressor.
Use embellishments such as pom-poms, acrylic gemstones, yarn, chenille stems, and mosaic squares to complete sculptures.

**STEP 3**
Demonstrate the building process by stacking, layering, leaning, and gluing pieces in place. Help hold newly glued pieces with masking tape to prevent gravity from taking over. Remove tape when glue has dried.

**STEP 4**
Continue the building process. Remember to turn the sculpture often, making sure it’s interesting from all angles.

**STEP 5**
Apply tempera paint to the assembled playground sculptures. Begin with primary colors. Encourage students to mix secondary colors. Mixing can take place directly on the sculpture.

**STEP 6**
Use embellishments such as pom-poms, acrylic gemstones, yarn, chenille stems, and mosaic squares to complete sculptures.
Materials List

- Craft Sticks, box of 1,000, 4½” x ⅛” — 0500462(A)
- Mini-Sticks for Collage and Crafts, pkg. of 500 — 9708333
- Treasure Chest of Wood, 10 lbs. of wood shapes — 9714817
- Economical Wood Shape Assortment, pkg. of 1,000 — 9721900
- Cover-It® Craft Board Assorted Shapes, pkg. of 36 — 9727301

- 12” Corrugated Circles, pkg. of 100 — 9722150
- Wooden Spool Assortment, pkg. of 60 — 9710436
- Chenille Stems, pkg. of 100 in assorted colors, ¼” x 12” — 0500592(G)
- Fiberboard Cone Assortment, pkg. of 50 — 9728675

- Pom-Poms, bag of 300 — 9703637
- Rhinestones, 2-oz. bag — 9729793
- Nasco Washable Tempera Paint, set of 11 pints — SB39763
- Scraps of wood, a variety of other found materials, and cardboard in varying shapes and sizes to supplement building choices