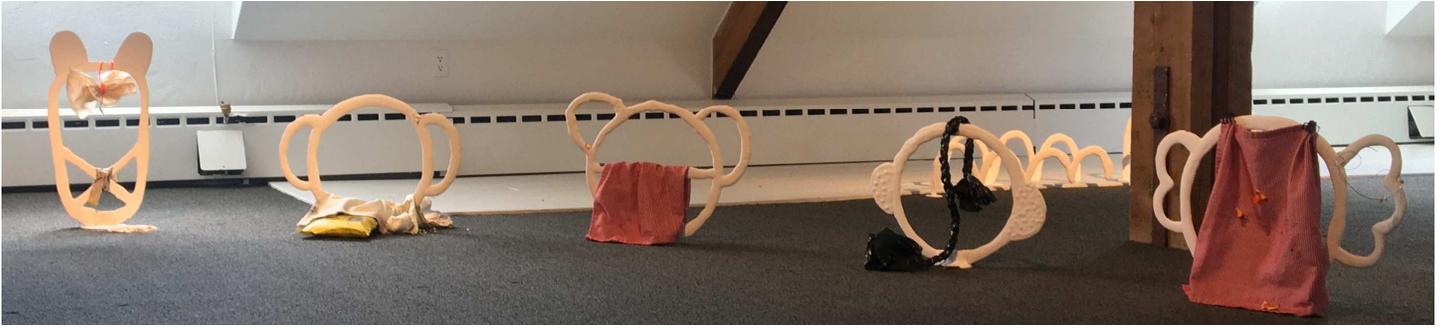


Material, Mass and Dust



Family Art Workshop – at Home: Animal Head

Inspired by Leyla Majeri's work: *Organ of Appetite*

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Leyla Majeri loves observing nature, insects and animals. She has noticed that we humans unfortunately don't always take care of nature and animals, who are often left to live among the trash that we leave in the environment. In order to cast a critical eye on this reality throughout her creations, Leyla had the idea of creating costumes for her animal heads using objects from the human world. She's given them a braid with a garbage bag, a hair bow with paper and string, and hangs all sorts of fabric on them...

STEPS TO FOLLOW

1. **Create salt dough.** Mix flour, salt and water in a bowl with your hands. The dough should not stick to your fingers. If it does, add flour. If it is too dry, add a bit of water.
2. **Mold the dough.** Take some of the dough and roll it with the palm of your hand. You must create three sausage-shaped pieces with the dough: a large one of approximately 30 cm (head), and two smaller ones of approximately 10 cm (ears).
3. **Create the animal head.** Stick both extremities of the longest shape together to form a circle. Shape the ears by creating two half-circles and sticking them on each side of the head. Make sure the pieces are properly assembled to ensure that they remain in place during baking.
4. **Bake the dough.** With the help of your parents, place your creation on a cookie sheet and put it in the oven at 200°F for 1 to 1.5 hours. You must check the oven a few times to make sure the dough does not become too dry and crack.
5. **Decorate.** Using a piece of trash from your recycling bin, create a headdress for your animal! You may use elastics, plastic bags, pieces of fabric, paper, etc. You can create a bow, a braid, hair, a hat... Use your imagination! Attach your headdress with a piece of string around the head or the ears.
6. **Add colour.** If you have paint and a paintbrush, you may paint your animal.
7. **Share on social media!** Take a picture of your creation and share it on social media using the hashtag: **#stewarthallathome**

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ½ cup of flour
- ¼ cup of salt
- ¼ cup of water
- A piece of string
- A piece of trash
- Paint and a paintbrush (optional)

