

ARTS HEALTH ACTIVITY

Inspired by Anne-Maree Hunter's, *Mini Snow Mountain (Kosciusko)* 2016 from the Maitland Regional Art Gallery Collection, create a miniature mountain or landscape.



Anne-Maree Hunter, *Mini snow mountain (Kosciusko)* 2016

Jewellery boxes, painted paper pulp

4 x 4.6 x 5.2cm (box)

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This art making activity promotes experimentation with materials, creativity and play. The activity is designed to be used with an accompanying video or on its own.

Have a good look



Take your time to have a look at Anne-Maree Hunter, *Mini snow mountain* (Kosciusko). This work is part of a series of works of tiny miniature landscapes and land formations created in repurposed jewellery boxes.

The works are created using paper pulp and paint, and reveal themselves as secret little worlds inside unsuspecting boxes.

You might like to think about and discuss the following questions. Please keep in mind there are no right or wrong answers and feel encouraged to come up with some imaginative responses.

- The artist has had fun with size in these works, taking something huge and recreating on a minute scale – What is something large that you think would work on such a small scale?
- What does this artwork make you think of? How would you describe it?
- How do you think it would feel to be in this artwork? Perhaps on top of the mountain? What might the view be like?
- Have you ever climbed a mountain before?
- There is an element of curiosity in this work – as though opening the box reveals a secret world, who might live in this secret world?
- Do you like the artwork? Why / why not?

Let's Get Creative

What you will need for this art making activity:

Newspaper, PVA glue, warm water, take-away container, a fork, white paint, green paint or coloured textas.

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Step 1.

- Gather your materials and make sure you have a nice clear space to work in.

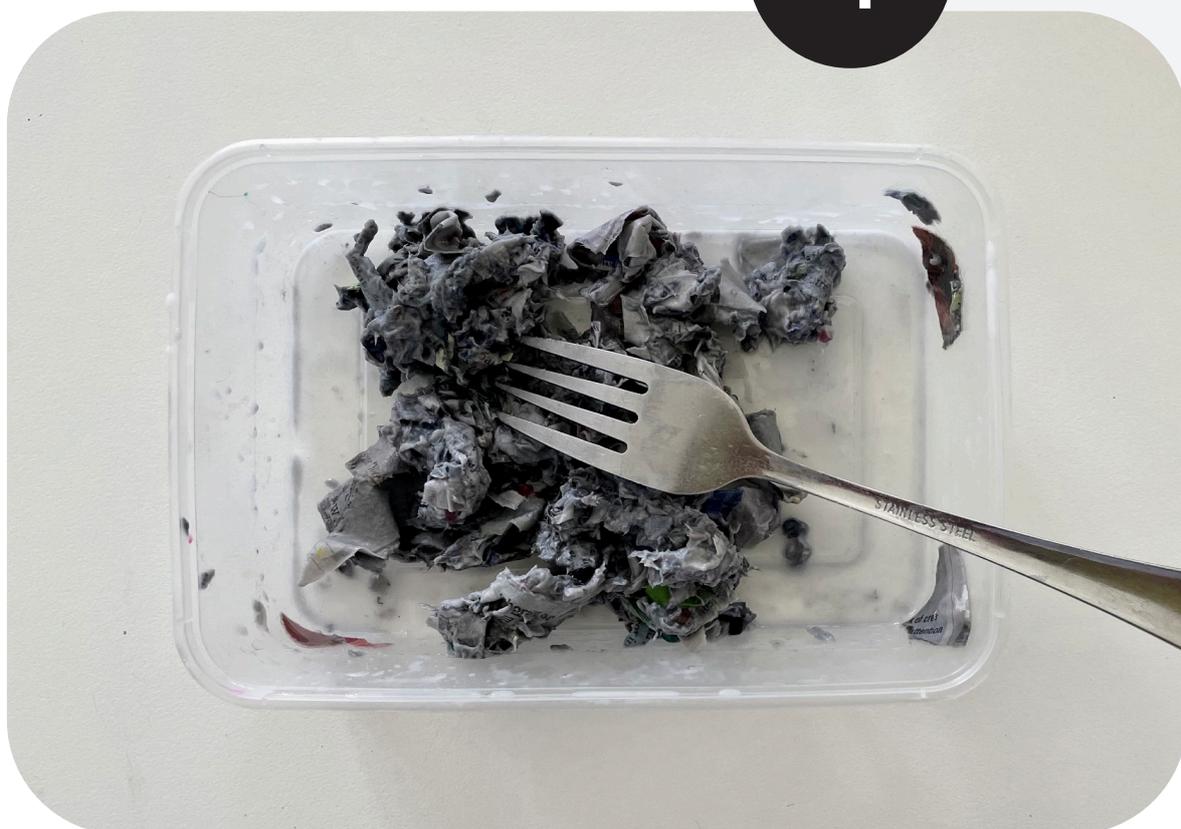
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Step 2.

Mix together 3 tablespoons of warm water with 2 table spoons of PVA in a takeaway or plastic container.

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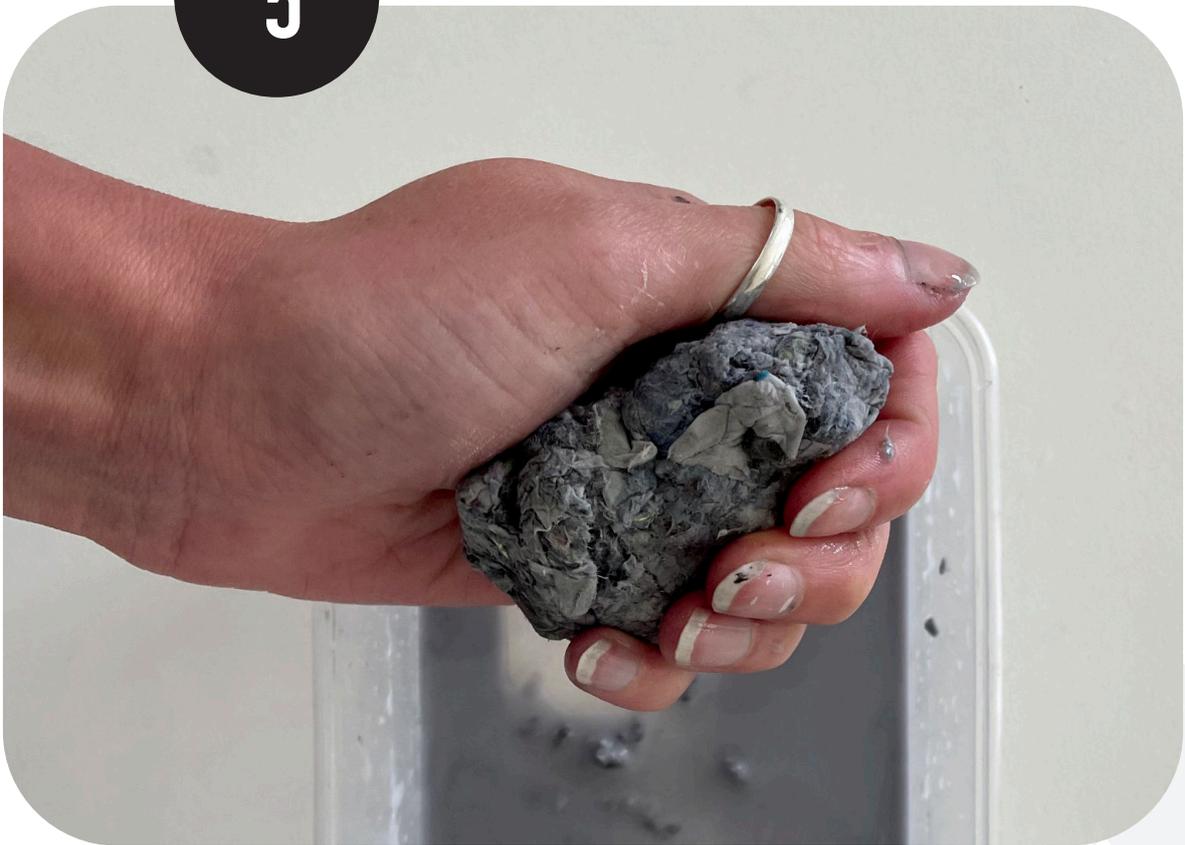
Step 4.

Start to mix your newspaper in with your PVA and water – this can be done with a fork if you prefer.

Step 5.

Once the newspaper has broken down, drain out any excess liquid and pick up the pulp, squeezing out any water and place container aside.

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Step 6.

Using your hands, start to shape the pulp into a mountain, you might like to place it on top of a lid so that the base remains flat.

Step 7.

Once you are happy with your mountain, set aside to dry. It is best to leave to dry overnight.

Step 8.

Paint your mountain! You might like to give it a white base coat first, and then add colour over the top.

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Extra

Adding figurines to your mountain is a great way to give it a story, these can be attached with PVA or super-glue. You can always revisit this activity and continue to add to your mini landscape – making more paper-pulp mountains, or streams, or fields, lava, volcanos, wherever your imagination leads you!

Reflection

Take some time to have a good look at your artwork once you feel it's complete. You might like to reflect on some of the following questions:

- What title will you give your art work?
- What might you name your mountain?
- What would the view be like from the top of your mountain?
- What country would find your mountain in?
- Would your mountain be hard to climb?
- If you created the work again, what kind of landscape would you create next?