

Cardboard: Warren King



Inspired by a trip to China, Warren's life-size figures are so expressive you forget they are made from cardboard and glue. Each aspect of his work is intentional, and it's a lesson for students in how meaning can be created and communicated through the material, the subject, and the composition or structure. At home, students can access cardboard from moving boxes, shoeboxes, food boxes like cereal, and more. If that's not possible, students can also connect with a local retailer and pick up boxes that might otherwise be recycled or discarded. Warren also proves you can create engaging sculptures without relying on paint or color and the standard brown works.

There are a number of models for handling materials with online learning, and sometimes students might need to rely on what is readily available. Creating assignments and projects from supplies, like pens and tape, can make artmaking more accessible and eliminate a barrier for students or schools who can't afford a supply kit. We don't always see artists using the basic materials represented here, but they exist and are creating awe-inspiring work that can motivate your students. Use these artists and more to show students great ideas that can create art, even if it's built from a cereal box.

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