



Visual Art Virtual Learning

Art 1 - Unusual Art

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Objective/Learning Target: We will be learning about artists that use unusual mediums (supplies).



Unique Artists

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This week you will be introduced to unique artists that use unusual materials or somewhat strange techniques to create their artwork. Some of them will make you scratch your head...some may leave you in awe.

Let's get started with our first artist.

Ben Wilson



Take a look at these paintings. What do you see? Look like a normal painting style, right? However it's what Ben Wilson is painting on that makes this first unusual artist different than most artists...the canvas is...old, used chewed up gum that was spit out and left behind. Yes. I said used chewing gum.



Ben Wilson



Ben Wilson is making the streets of London a little more colorful by painting miniature pictures on pieces of discarded chewing gum. Since 2014, Ben Wilson has spent days on end scouring the pavement for discarded gum that he can bring to life.

Wilson has created more than 8,000 works of art this way, and they can take anywhere from two hours to three days to complete. Each one has been photographed and catalogued for his archive.

When Ben is working, crowds of people form and watch him paint on the gum. Opinions vary. Some people shake their heads and do not understand his work, while others praise him and are delighted to see the bits of color he creates on an ordinary sidewalk.





Watch this video on Ben Wilson. He talks about why and how he makes these disposed chewing gum pieces of art. What are your thoughts on his work? Would you have ever thought to paint on old smashed gum? If you could request Ben to paint on a piece of gum what would you ask him to paint?



A decorative graphic consisting of a large, light blue dashed circle that frames the text. Various colored circles (solid and hollow) in shades of teal, green, yellow, orange, and pink are scattered around the perimeter of the dashed circle.

This should be another fun filled week learning about different types of artists.

Please email me if you have any questions.

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