

Eco-Newsletter

Dundee College

Unit - Graphic Design : Three Dimensional Brief -
Eco Office Desk Accessories - Tutor : Mark Cassidy

Students were required to develop the structural packaging and surface graphics for two environmentally friendly office products : a solar only powered Eco Calculator; and an Eco Stapler and Hole punch set. Both products are made from 80% recycled plastic. Students could only use a maximum of 3 pantone colours in the design of the surface graphics, and had to use recycled paperboard to create their constructions. In order to answer the brief effectively, careful consideration had to be given to the function of the packaging and its potential for reduce, recycle and re-use. Before students could begin the design of the packaging for these products they had to investigate sustainable practices in packaging design.



Charlotte Perriand

An exhibition on eco-construction was held on
october 21st at the Lycee Charlotte Perriand.

The association « la maison de l'éco-construction » presented an ecological building site in Lille's town center to one hundred joinery, painting and decorating, upholstery, and cabinet making students.

The students discovered an alternative way of building a house and how to integrate it in a hostile urban environment. Various ecological and sustainable materials were also displayed.

Thierry Petitberghien, the owner and builder of the house, showed the students round the exhibition, then answered their questions.

After an hour's visit, the students became more aware of the importance of healthier and sustainable materials, discovered how a green / living roof could impact the local biodiversity.

This experience on sustainable building will be continued later this school year. Some of the students will be able to take part in the building of ecological huts to be installed in a nearby forest.



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Angus College

Working with environmentally friendly materials

Angus College Art Students have been involved in researching environmentally friendly materials. For our first piece of Art linked to Connect, Create, Sustain we used recycled wood as the foundation for our mosaic table. We looked at other materials linked to wood and paper to develop our project further. After research we chose to work with cork and develop this idea further.



Cork projects and developing wider environmental awareness

The students created a chair using recycled corks from wine bottles. They found it an easy material to work with. The chair was the perfect place to put our orang-utan which we had received from the Borneo Survival Organisation. Students had made clay orang-utans to raise funds to support the work of the Borneo Survival Organisation who want to save the rainforest and protect the habitat of the orang-utans.



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Mirrorframe made of cardboard

When we were in France last time, we were inspired by the workshop when one of the groups built a model of a



stool made of cardboard material. We thought this technique was very interesting, and wanted to show our classmates how it works. We decided that the assignment would be to create a mirror with this technique. In the assignment they will choose a colour that will inspire to expression and design. To be as environmentally friendly as possible, we will use tissue paper or different kinds of paper for the colouring. We will attach the paper to the cardboard with paper hanger's paste.

Julia & Camilla