

Bad Art Night Outline

Ages: 10 – 14
Duration: 1.5 hours
Drop-in
Budget: \$40

Goal:

To provide a silly, surprising, and highly creative atmosphere with no pressure to make something “good.”

Promo:

We'll provide the wacky art material, you make the bad art. Leave your good taste at home and let your creativity run free! The “best bad art” will win a bad trophy.

Summary:

A freestyle craft event for tweens. Everyone has access to a pile of ridiculous craft and art material. The “worst” piece of art will win a hideously tacky trophy and crown at the end of the night.

Participants can make as many pieces “Bad Art” (sculptures, paintings, collages, etc.) as they want, and in the final 20 minutes we'll set up a Bad Art Exhibition. Everyone can browse and cast 3 votes for their favourite pieces of Bad Art. This program will appeal to the same type of tweens who attended the [Wreck This Journal program](#) last year.

Fun music plays during the whole event. A slide show of truly bad art is projected on the wall for inspiration.

Materials:

- Canvases
- Paint
- Wooden & Styrofoam forms
- Glitter
- Pom Poms
- funky tape
- old magazines
- clay
- glue
- Rhinestones & stick on pearls
- plastic animal figurines
- dry noodles
- markers, crayons, pencils, paper, cardstock
- collected recycled items: plastic containers, boxes, toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, etc.

Timeline:

Ice Breaker Activity (15-20 minutes)

- Either Telephone Pictionary or Mind Readers (instructions for both [here](#))

Bad Art Session (45 minutes)

- Freestyle access to craft materials
- Volunteer adults manning the glue gun station
- Fun music plays
- Slide show of inspirational bad art projected onto wall
- OPTIONAL: on one table a plastic crown can be collaboratively decorated by everyone. The winner will receive the crown.

Exhibition (20-25 minutes)

- Everyone picks their “best bad art” and sets it up on a long table
- Cardstock tent labels are set up to display the names of each work of art
- Every attendee is given 3 ballots and can cast votes for their favourite bad art
 - Ballots available [here](#)

Award Ceremony (5 minutes)

- While ballots are counted, snack & buttons are given out, photos are taken of all the Bad Art
- Trophy (and optional crown) is dramatically presented to the creator of the Best Bad Art