

*Materials for the Arts: **ONLINE!***

NYC's Department of Cultural Affairs
Premier Reuse Facility.



You're going on an Online Field Trip with Materials for the Arts!

Here's what your field trip will look like:

First: We'll **watch videos** about...

- The MFTA Warehouse
- The Gallery
- Today's Activity

Then: you'll use the found materials in your space to create a work of art based on today's hands on activity.

Last: You'll share your work with your peers by uploading photos of your art to your digital classroom.

Before we start, you'll need the following things:

Your Teacher's Email Address.

A quiet comfortable place to work.

A photo taking device.

Once you have those things, you can begin your field trip.
Click on the following link to begin:

https://www.materialsforthearts.org/for-educators/field-trips/edyta_lady_bug/

We're excited you're visiting
Materials for the Arts.

You'll learn ways to help keep our planet healthy by being a responsible recycler, repurposer and artist too.



Ps. We've included a text introduction for students who would prefer a written description of MFTA, instead of video. Please enjoy!

Materials for the Arts started with the simple idea of sharing resources. We connect people who have things to give away, with people who need things.



Like this gently used furniture. . .

In 1978, Angela Fremont, a young artist working in New York City's Central Park, heard that the staff of the zoo needed a refrigerator to house medicines for the animals. Fremont called a local radio show to make an on-air appeal for a working refrigerator.

Within minutes, the zoo's office got many phone calls offering free refrigerators, and the idea for *Materials for the Arts* was born.



Materials for the Arts (we also call it *MFTA*) went from one room with a desk, to being a 35,000-foot warehouse in Long Island City Queens. Wow!

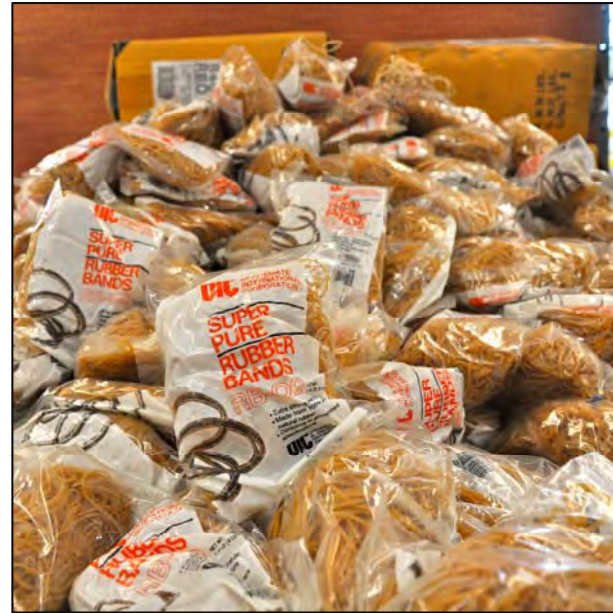


MFTA makes supplies available to NYC artists and teachers by distributing reusable materials. This helps keep hundreds of tons of useful materials out of *landfills*.

fabric



office
supplies



magazines



paint



Landfills are large collections of things people no longer want.
We also call them garbage dumps.





As WALL-E knows. . .

*There are a lot of
problems with Landfills.*

- They contain toxic substances that will harm our planet for 100's of years.
- They can pollute our water supply.
- They release bad gasses that take oxygen from our air.

They are ugly!

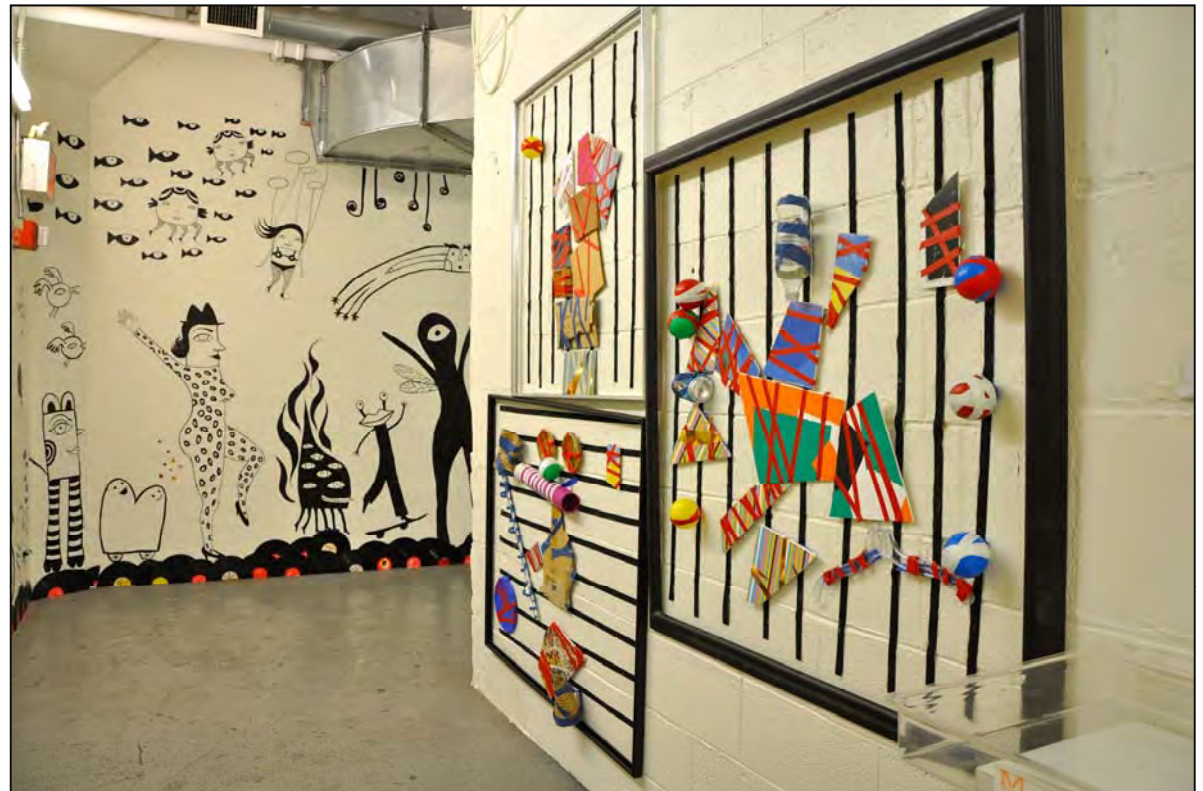


Here are some of the things
you'll see
and do
when you visit
our online
field trip to
*Materials for
the Arts.*



You'll enter through our gallery. We feature art made by artists who *repurpose* materials.

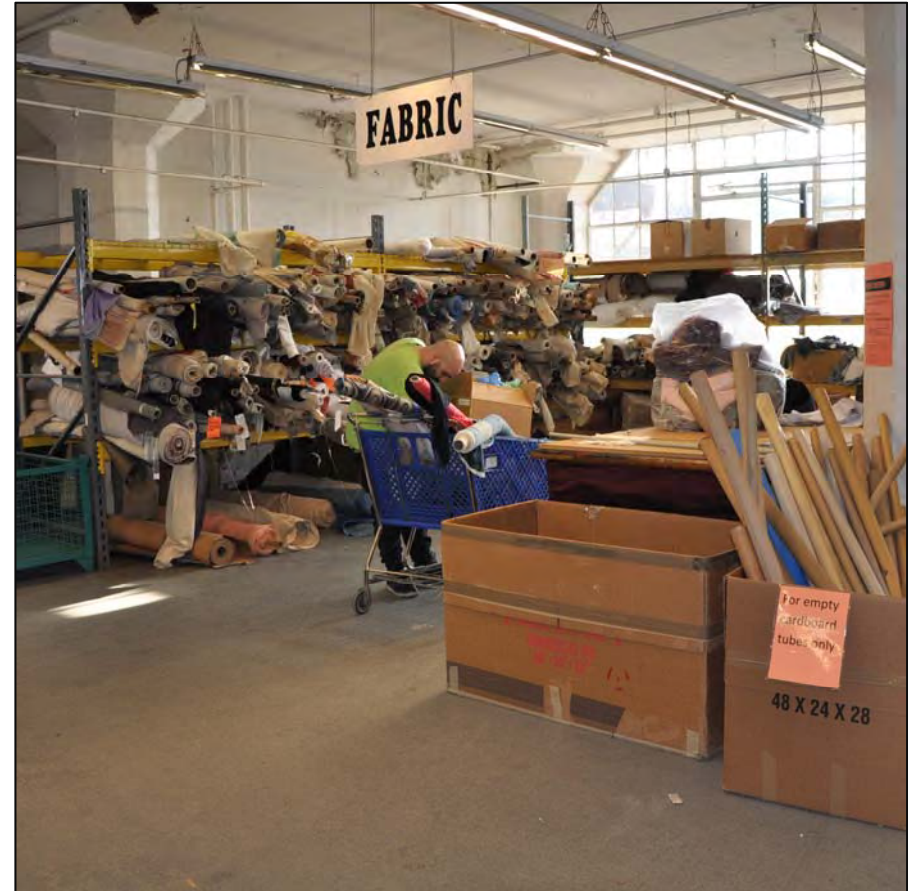
Repurpose means they take something and change it into another form with more value – like art.



You'll go by the check-in counter.
This is where all the people who are shopping check in. There is usually a friendly face here to answer questions.



Then you'll enter the
Materials for the Arts warehouse!



There are bins and shelves of paper, buttons, fabric, hardware, household goods, office supplies - a lot of great stuff that some people and companies no longer have use for – but schools and art programs really need!



*How does all this great stuff
get to our warehouse?*



It takes people who care about our
environment and make the effort to
get reuseable items to *MFTA*.
Then we can get them to the
people who need them!

We have two trucks that pick up donations. Or sometimes people mail us items or drop things off at our loading dock.



That's Nick pushing a donated desk to the truck.

We have workers in the warehouse who make lists and weigh all the things we get before we put them on the floor to give away.



Hi Jose' !

We also have volunteers who help in the warehouse, and create examples of art projects you can make with the materials you find here.



After your tour the warehouse, **you'll make an art project** using *repurposed* materials from around your home or space.

Click on the link near the first page to get started!



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- The MFTA Team