

Create#1 // Windfall Land Art by Caitlin Howells

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I have an apple tree in my garden than continually drops windfalls. My partner gets annoyed by them, lying all over the place, so he collects some up, and some we leave out for the birds.

You will need

- A tree in your locality or garden with lots of windfalls or ...
- A glut of vegetables you have grown or been given

Windfall land art

I started to arrange them into pleasing designs, which can either be moved later on or simply left where they are to allow the blackbirds to feast off them through the coming hungry months.

I then got really excited about arranging the various gluts of vegetables we've grown over the summer - there's a limit to how many courgettes you can eat - or been given by our neighbours and friends.

This is such a plentiful time of year that arranging the fruits and vegetables does not feel like a waste. On the contrary, it's like a celebration of their beauty and value - it's a way of saying thank you to the land.



Celebrating windfalls—photo by the artist

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Activity

- Simply collect up the windfalls, over-grown courgettes or the beans that have turned leathery during the draught, and arrange them in pleasing patterns.
- You might like to work with just one type of fruit or vegetable, or you might want to mix them up a bit.
- Whatever you end up creating, please send us a photograph of your windfall or vegetable glut arrangements.

Exploration

- Land art - also known as earth art - is art that is made directly in the landscape, sculpting the land itself or making structures using natural materials.
- You may be familiar with work by [Andy Goldsworthy](#) who uses leaves, among other things, to create beautiful works in natural surroundings.
- Land art can be done on any scale, as shown by this giant mandala, created out of apples and black soil: [Giant Mandala Made of Apples Wins Land Art Award](#)



Courgette and apple flower. Photo by the artist

Don't forget to send us photos of your land art so that we can share them with everyone on our blog site.

- Email mdf@suffolkartlink.org.uk
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