

Seeing Beauty in Water

An activity of "Seeing extraordinary in the extra ordinary"

Look for "Art to Heart" in the May issue of *What's Up*. Study the lovely artwork and read what artist Linda Yew says in her letter to you. She says, "... when you stop to really notice and study something closely, you find that it can be truly quite beautiful and fascinating." You can do this with something as commonplace as water!

PART I: Many shapes of water

As you know, water exists in three states: liquid, solid, and gas. Think about some interesting shapes made by water in each of these states. Draw eight of the shapes below. A tip: water changes shape when in the form of snowflakes, ripples, or misty wisps.

Record your favourite shapes of water here:

PART II: Water-inspired craft

Find a to-be-discarded container. Think about how you can reuse it for another purpose. For example, an old box for a penholder, a bottle for a vase, or a tin can for a piggy bank. Using shapes of water as your theme, decorate your container with materials that make you smile!

<p>1. First, think through your plan.</p> <p>a) Which container will you re-purpose?</p> <p>b) What will you convert it into?</p> <p>c) Which of the water shapes do you want in your artwork? <i>Circle the ones you will use.</i></p> <p>d) What materials will you decorate the container with?</p> <p>e) Why do these materials make you smile?</p>	<p>2. Next, sketch your design here.</p> <p>3. Then, transform your container.</p>
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Good work. You have just breathed new life and meaning into something old and unwanted!