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Class: _____ Date: _____

Repurpose: All the Right Angles

An activity of "Hello? Calling for new ideas for old phone booths".

Read the article, "Hello? Calling for new ideas for old phone booths (page 21, *What's Up* April 2025). Let's also be creative to generate ideas for using old cereal boxes. Work in pairs.

PART A: REPURPOSE BOXES

1a) Watch this video.

➤ **20 Ways to Reuse Cereal Boxes and Save Money**

<https://youtu.be/qZslpIG7Wr8?feature=shared> (Frugal Creative Living, 4 May 2024)

1b) What is one idea from the video that you liked? Why did you like it?

1c) Why is it good to repurpose old things like cereal boxes and phone booths instead of discarding them?

2a) Collect two or three cereal boxes (or other empty food boxes). What is something useful or meaningful that you can turn your boxes into? Give your creation a title and briefly describe its new purpose.

2b) Build it! Make at least one repurposed box per student.

PART B: DECORATE YOUR CREATIONS

Ben Nicholson is an artist who was inspired by an old fisherman called Alfred Wallis whom he met in the seaside town of St Ives. Mr Wallis had never been to art school. He painted in his own style with house paints and bits of old cardboard. Nicholson used these materials in his work but made his own art more abstract by using geometric shapes like squares and rectangles.

3a) Watch the following video to learn more about his art:

Artists Around the World – Ben Nicholson

➤ <https://youtu.be/RZMF0zx80M?feature=shared> (Cam Plapp, 13 May 2020)

3b) Following the steps found in the video, create your own art in Ben Nicholson's style. You can use anything as the subject for your art, e.g. a favourite toy, your pet goldfish, a hamburger, etc. Try it out!

Ben Nicholson's art style in summary:

- **Geometric shapes:** He used simple shapes like squares, rectangles, and circles. They are often overlapping to create depth and structure.
- **Abstract style:** His art doesn't try to look realistic. It's more about shapes, textures, and space, not about telling a story or showing real objects/people.
- **Relief/textured art:** Many of his artworks are raised slightly from the background, like shallow 3D. You can layer cardboard and other recyclables to achieve this effect.
- **Neutral colours:** He often used calm, neutral colours like white, grey, beige, and soft earth tones.
- **Balance and harmony:** His art feels balanced and peaceful, and the carefully arranged shapes look pleasing to the eye.

Plan your design below. Then, transfer it to a fresh sheet of paper to wrap your repurposed boxes. If you prefer, you can decorate your boxes by doing your artwork directly on them.



4. Use your beautiful, repurposed boxes!