



An Art Activity a Day Takes the Boredom Away!

Thursday

Transforming Materials with Alberto Burri



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This piece is called "Grande Sacco". What kind of art piece is it? Is it a painting? Is it a collage? Alberto Burri was an Italian doctor who was taken prisoner during World War II. When he was in the prisoner camp he understood that art helped him cope with stress, and he started using whatever he found around as an art material. The burlap material was used to make beds for the prisoners.

Burri was very creative when he changed a rough material into a piece of art. Do you have any favourite material around that makes you feel relaxed? Do you think it can be an art material? You can be creative and transform your material in a piece of art. Or you can follow the instructions below to be inspired by the Burri piece.

Ask an adult to give you some pieces of fabric.

Use a rigid support as a base for your art piece: it can be a canvas, a piece of cardboard or a piece of light wood.

Cut your fabric in big and small rectangles and squares. Arrange them on your base to create a composition that gives you a good feeling.

Then stick the fabric to your base using vinyl glue.

MATERIALS:

- a rigid base
- some pieces of fabric
- scissors
- vinyl glue