

RACHEL DAVID: WALL HANGING

Rachel David is an artist-blacksmith who creates art and furniture pieces that provoke you to look at common items as artistic works, inviting you to form a deeper connection to these items, such as candelabras, storage chests, or sconce lights. She uses techniques such as forging, chasing, repoussé, and riveting. In this activity, you will create your own panel inspired by Rachel's furniture and processes. To see more of Rachel's work, you can visit her website: www.Redmetal.net

SUPPLY LIST:

POPSICLE STICKS ALUMINUM FOIL BRADS MODEL MAGIC
HOT GLUE GUN PIPE CLEANERS SCISSORS

INSTRUCTIONS:

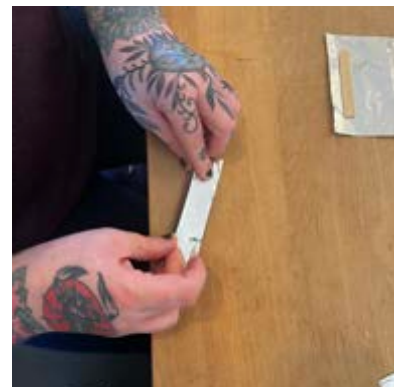
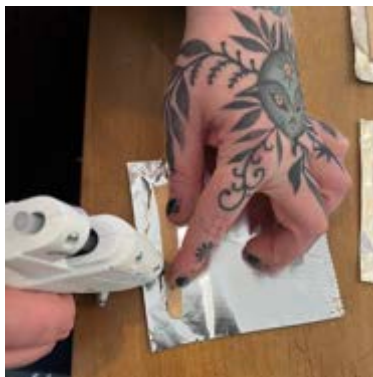
STEP 1:

Pick how many sides you would like your wall hanging to have (I stick to 3, 4, or 5). Cut about 1"-2" of length off the popsicle sticks; they can all be the same length, or you can have varying lengths.



STEP 2:

Cut pieces of aluminum foil about 1" longer than the popsicle sticks you trimmed. Place the popsicle stick close to the long edge of the foil and glue the foil to the popsicle stick, leaving an equal amount of foil extending from the ends of the popsicle sticks. Wrap the foil around the popsicle stick and glue the end of the foil to the stick.



STEP 3:

Using a brad, poke a hole through the foil at each end of every popsicle stick. Now, you can assemble your frame by running the brads through the holes and bending the tabs behind your frame.



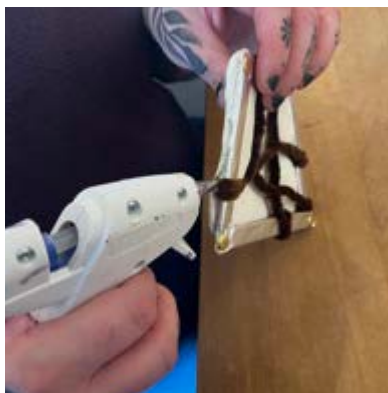
STEP 4:

Next, you will create your grid. Using pipe cleaners, wrap the pipe cleaner around a spot on your frame about three times, then pick where you want the grid line to end, and wrap the pipe cleaner around that spot about three times. You can have as many or few grid lines as you like, in whatever pattern you like. Abstract is always fun!



STEP 5:

Take your Model Magic and flatten it out to the shape of your frame. Don't get it too thin, or you will accidentally make holes during the next step. Place the Model Magic on the back of your frame and hot glue around the entire frame, gluing the model magic to the frame.



STEP 6:

From the back of the frame, press the model magic towards the front through your grid lines (pipe cleaners). This will create little “hills” on the front of your sculpture. Gently work the model magic until you are happy with the shapes you have created through the grid lines.



STEP 7:

Twist a small piece of pipe cleaner into a circle and hot glue it to the top of your sculpture for hanging on a wall.



STEP 8 (OPTIONAL):

Wait 24 hours for your sculpture to dry, then you can paint it any color you like using acrylic paint or craft paint. Use a metallic paint to really make it pop!

