

Technology Coming to Life!

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Materials Needed:

- 1) Old cell phones, computer parts, old home phones and other extraneous electronics parts and cords.
- 2) Hot gun guns and glue sticks
- 3) Several hammers, pliers, several sizes of screwdrivers and other tools.
- 4) Gloves for students. Goggles are a good idea.
- 5) Popsicle sticks

What you will learn:

Creative problem solving, teamwork, collaboration skills, design, and imagination are just a few of the abilities enhanced by this assignment. Have you ever wondered how to recycle old electronics, cell phones, computer parts, old portable phones, old cords, etc. in a creative way? My high school 3D class had a blast brainstorming together what the individual parts could become and as you can see from the photos their imagination soared as they produced their artwork.

Creating:

- 1) Start a collection of old cell phones, computer parts, old home phones and other extraneous electrical parts. I sent a message out school-wide and received quite an assortment of materials.
- 2) Spend a few brainstorming sessions together as the students are taking the equipment apart to see the inside parts.

- 3) View other artists work like Korean artist, Nam June Paik: "Andy Warhol Robot," "Video Flag, 70 monitors," "Eagle Eye."
- 4) Spend some time sketching out possibilities.
- 5) Begin with the major structure first and build off of that.
- 6) Collaborate on ideas as a group continually.
- 7) Hot glue the pieces together, using popsicle sticks to hold down the pieces.
- 8) If you choose to paint any of the pieces, wires, etc. use acrylic paint.