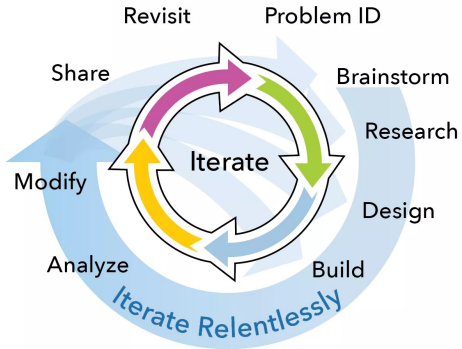


The Design Cycle



Brainstorm: *What kind of nature do we have outside?* Take your students out on a walk around your schoolyard in search of a great setting for some art.

This is a great into activity to the schoolyard, because it opens up students to search a specific area for resources they can utilize.

Nature Art

Name: _____

Date: _____

Problem Scenario: Nature is a perfect place to get students making observations and using their creativity to build and create.

Challenge: How can we use objects we find in nature to build and create something different?

Deliverables: An art piece of their choosing.

Materials:

Depending on what you want your final piece to be you may need to prepare materials, but if you just want students to build in nature, then you don't need any materials!

Design: Once you have located a spot for your nature art, give students the prompt.

Examples of Nature Art prompts:

- *Use nature to make an art piece.*
- *Build a home for a pill bug.*
- *Turn a pinecone into another object.*

*You want students to use their imagination and plan out what an art piece can look like made fully out of nature objects. It's important to have broad prompts so that students have to tap into their creativity and come up with an art piece on their own.

Build: Students will take most of their time to build their pieces. Encourage teamwork, collaboration, and investigation.

Evaluate: While students are building, walk around and encourage deeper thinking. Ask students what their theme is, why they choose that object, and why they chose that location.

Modify: Students can make modifications while they build. If an object doesn't hold together or if it does not have the look they originally went with they are free to change it. They may also have something built, but they decide to go in a different direction with their art pieces.

Share: Have a gallery walk around to everyone's nature art. It will be interesting to look at the pieces when you come outside next time. *How have they changed? Have there been signs of animals interacting with them? Has weather eroded them?*