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## Materials/Tools

Art making can be expensive BUT you can save some money by following a couple of rules. Also, you're not buying a text for this course, so consider that when you're purchasing supplies.

- o Stay away from the craft stores and art supply stores as much as possible. Materials are twice as expensive. Get friendly with a hardware store like Ace, Home Depot and Lowe's. Ace will be slightly more expensive than the other two and they'll have less of a selection, but of course, its convenient. Harbor Freight is a cheap hardware store. It is on Beach near Southside.
- o Collect useful stuff – look ahead on the syllabus and if you see something that might work for a future project, get it.
- o There are many cheap places to get materials. Dumpster diving is free. Flea markets, dollar stores, Big Lots and yard/garage sales are also great. Thrift stores rock. Some of them even have ½ off days. Salvation Army has ½ off Wednesdays.
- o Be resourceful – ask friends, family or neighbors if they have certain items that they're getting rid of. Sometimes people just want to clear out the clutter. Craigslist.org has a section for free stuff being given away. You can also advertise items that you're looking for or call businesses from the yellow pages (the book is more extensive than online).

You will need a variety of materials and tools for this class. This is a list to get you started. By no means, is this list complete, but you will definitely need the items on this list. For example, you will also need spray paint, but you shouldn't buy any until you know what you're painting.

### MATERIALS LIST (go ahead and purchase these items)

ITEM	WHERE TO FIND IT
o 1 Heavy Duty Utility Blade and 6-12 replacement blades	Hardware Store (tool crib area)
o 1 package - 5 minute set epoxy or Liquid Nails (small cont.)	Hardware Store (adhesives aisle)
o 1 pair – Heavy Duty Needle Nose Pliers/Wire Cutters Combo	Hardware Store (tool crib area)
get a GOOD set with nice grips - spend the money on a good pair as these will kill your hands during the wire project – a nice set will cost about \$15 – do NOT skimp on these!	
o Staple Gun & Staples	
o Carpenter's Square 24"	Hardware Store (tool crib area)
o Tape Measure	Hardware Store (tool crib area)
o Metal Yardstick or 18" ruler	Hardware Store or Office Depot
o Duct Tape	Hardware Store or Office Depot
o Heavy Duty Pair of scissors	Hardware Store or Office Depot
o 2 packages plastic dropcloth (cheap)	Hardware Store
o Drill with drill bits (combo bits for metal, wood, plastic) and Phillips head screwdriver bit	Hardware store (tool crib area)
you will keep this and use it forever so if you can invest in a good one, do...if not, get it at harbor freight for cheap	
o Stanley Surform Shaver Tool 7 1/4" (see image below)	Hardware Store – (Tool Crib area) near files and rasps
(it has a yellow handle and it looks like a cheese grater with a handle) - its used for sanding plaster	



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| o Hot Glue Gun (for cardboard project ONLY!)   | Hardware Store or Craft Store                          |
| o Hot Glue - Glue Sticks (for cardboard project ONLY!)   | Hardware Store or Craft Store                          |
| o 1 roll - Rebar Wire/Construction Form Tie Wire   | Home Depot/Lowe's (construction aisle)                 |
| o 1 roll – Chicken Wire  | Hardware Store   |
| o 1 roll – Burlap  | Hardware Store (garden aisle)                          |
| normally used to cover ground/prevent erosion in garden  |  |
| o Wood 1 x 2's   | Hardware Store (lumber/construction)                   |
| o Box of Wood Screws   | Hardware Store (fastener's aisle)                      |
| o Small Buckets for Mixing Plaster   | Hardware Store   |
| o Package of Drywall Sanding Screen  | Hardware Store (paint aisle)                           |
| o A bag or toolbox or cart to carry stuff  | Hardware Store or Office Depot                         |
| Collapsible rolling cart with toolbox is best and will be useful for other art classes                             |  |
| o Set of Cheap Quick Clamps  | Harbor Freight   |
| o Thin, deerskin work gloves (about \$5/pair)  | Harbor Freight   |
| Not optional - they'll save your hands and you'll use them forever...they cost about \$16/pr. At Home Depot/Lowe's |  |
| o Small sponge and water container (\$1.50)  | Office Depot (pckg. materials aisle near packing tape) |

- o Protractor Office Depot
- o Compass for drawing circles Office Depot
- o French Curves Office Depot
- o Masking Tape Office Depot
- o Posterboard (2-3 sheets of any color) Office Depot
- o Calculator Office Depot
- o Pencils & Sharpie Markers Office Depot, Reddi Arts
- o Sketchbook Reddi Arts
- o Oil Clay – plasticine, plastilina, plasticina, modeling clay (goes by all of these names) - Reddi Arts or Michael's (do not get water based clay)



- o 1 wire bending jig (you can make your own or buy) Michael's, JoAnn's (found in wire jewelry section)



- o interesting found objects – old, unusual, unknown purpose yard sales, garage sales, grandparents' attic, flea mrkt.
- o Old T-Shirts
- o 4 x 8 Sheets of Cardboard (you'll purchase later in the semester)
- o Moulding Plaster (you'll purchase later in the semester)