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ART WITH MANY SIDES

What are your favorite art supplies? Many may say paints or pencils. Some name yarn or clay. Most people would not say cotton candy. But one artist likes working with spun sugar. His name is Erno-Erik Raitanen.

Cotton candy is fluffy. It is also sticky. Light shines through it. The candy changes color when it is squeezed. Raitanen uses it to make big works of art. These hang at art shows. Viewers tear pieces off. They lick them. The art is always changing. To the artist, that makes it great.



Ji Yong-Ho is an artist too. He has a favorite art supply: used car tires. These are soft. But they are strong. Ji Yong-Ho carves out creatures. They include mutants and mythical

animals. He has made monsters.

The artist gives them wings, fur, and fangs. Old tires get new life.

Erika Iris Simmons knows where to find art supplies. They are inside old **cassettes**. She pulls out all the tape. There

are hundreds of feet. Her fingers get

to work. They untangle it. Faces

appear. These belong to the

singers on the tape. Her work has a name. It is called

Ghost in the Machine.

Fast Fact

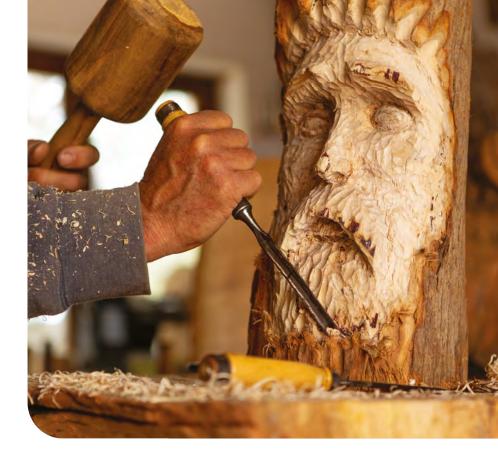
Erika Iris Simmons's cassette tape portraits were featured in a music video by Bruno Mars, which received more than one billion views on YouTube.



These artists are very different. But their work shows one thing. Art does not have to be flat. It can be three-dimensional (3D). Anything can be used. Some use stone, clay, or wood. Others use chewing gum or spiderwebs. Art does not have to stay on walls. It can be part of our world. We can wear it, sit on it, or even eat it.







These 3D art forms have a name. They are the plastic arts. The word plastic is key. This is not what the art is

made of. The word has another

meaning. Plastic means able

to be shaped or molded. There are many ways to make this art. All involve shaping material into something new.

Fast Fact

The plastic arts include many art forms, such as sculpture, woodworking, ceramics, ice sculpture, jewelry making, stone carving, and paper folding.