

Unity Sculptures

Unity sculptures are flags, signs, luminaries, or other sculptural designs you put in your yard to show support for important social causes. Organize a unity sculpture making night for your neighborhood using sustainable materials!



Budget

\$250 - \$400

Difficulty Level

Easy

Location Suggestions

- Front or backyard
- Community center
- Closed-off street (Block Party Permit required)

City Support

[Mini-Grant funding](#) is available!

Material List | Estimated Cost

- **Sculpture materials: \$50 - \$200**
 - Collage materials from magazines
 - Plastic form recyclable bottles
 - Glue
 - Felt
 - Fabric scraps
- **Paints and brushes: \$30 - \$60**
- **Protective gear: \$20 - \$50**
- **Outdoor display stands or bases: \$30 - \$100**
- **Signage: \$20 - \$40**
- **Rented tables and chairs (rental if needed): \$50 - \$100**
- **Flyers: \$10 - \$20**
- **Refreshments: \$30 - \$50**
- **First aid kit: \$25**

Step by Step | How to Plan this Event

1-2 Months Before Event

1 Set a Time & Location

- **Pick a time** when most of your neighbors will be available.
- Determine the **best location** for the event, ensuring it's accessible and has enough space for a large group of people to make art.

2 Obtain Any Necessary Permits and Permissions

If you're closing a residential street, you will need to apply for a [Block Party Permit](#) for an eligible street.

3 Ponder a Theme

Considering **theming the night** around a local, neighborhood, or national cause that your neighbors want to show support for.



4 Plan Type of Sculptures

Decide what types you'll make. Invite neighbors to **make their own sculpture**, or collaborate on one large piece to place somewhere in your neighborhood! Or, try both!

Signs



Make signs using cardboard, paper, wood, or metal. Use letter stamps, paint, magazine images, or markers to write messages.

Flags



Create flags by decorating fabric or paper with paint, markers, or fabric. Attach the decorated material to a wooden dowel or stick to display.

Recycled Sculptures

Gather recyclable materials like flower petals, plastic bottles, cans, and cardboard. Glue together into unity symbols meaningful to you. Paint or decorate to finish.



Luminaries



Craft luminaries by decorating paper bags with cut-out designs or drawings. Place a small LED candle or tea light inside each bag to illuminate them.

4 Additional Activities

Decide if you want to host any **additional activities** such as guest speakers or workshops related to the causes. Reach out as soon as possible!



 3 Weeks Before Event

5 Prepare Supplies

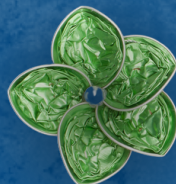
Purchase or gather supplies, including recycled materials. Check out [Jerry's Artarama](#) for art supplies!



6 Promote Event

Encourage neighbors to participate.

- **At Least 2-3 Weeks Before | Social Media and Email:** Post on Nextdoor, Facebook, and/or Instagram. Email if you can.
- **1 Week Before | Flyers:** Go door-to-door. Design flyers, postcards, or personal invitations.
- **1 Day Before | Reminder:** Send out a reminder message on social media or by email.



 Day-Of Event | 1 Hour Before

7 Set-Up

Arrive early to set up the central crafting area, display area, and information table.



 Day-Of Event | Start of Event

8 Welcome Neighbors

Greet participants as they arrive, provide them with necessary materials, and guide them to the crafting area. Exercise kindness and care during the event.

9 Facilitate the Event

Offer **guidance and assistance** as participants create their sculptures. Ensure there are enough tools and materials for everyone.

10 Promote Causes

Encourage participants to **share information** about the causes their sculptures support. **Facilitate any planned workshops** or guest speaker sessions.

 After Event

11 Display Sculptures

Encourage neighbors to set up their completed sculptures outside their homes.