

Artist Activities

Roy Lichtenstein's *Kitchen Range* with Hands On Studio



In developing this activity, Hands On Studio artists Karen Bondietti and Elspeth Lowes worked in collaboration with their tutor Ellen Sleeman-Taylor and program manager Tilly Davey to create a 3D reproduction of *Kitchen Range* by Roy Lichtenstein.

Hands On Studio is a visual arts program run by Catholiccare Canberra and Goulburn. Operating since 1996, Hands On Studio provides workshops for people with varying disabilities, ages and creative practices.



Who thinks Roy Lichtenstein liked the smell of yummy food cooking in the oven?

Make your own oven and some delicious food out of cardboard, pegs, paint and glue.

What you will need:

- 1 x cardboard box and a few scrap pieces
- 1 x aluminium oven tray
- 5 x small lids
- 8 x pegs
- Some thick string or old bits of rope
- 2 x handfuls of recycled soft plastic
- A glue gun / PVA glue / super glue
- Yellow, blue and white acrylic paint, plus other colours for decoration
- Masking tape
- Cutting knife
- Scissors
- Markers or pencil
- Bendable wire



Image left: Roy Lichtenstein, *Kitchen Range* 1961-62, purchased 1978
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Making the stove top

Step 1 – Place aluminum tray on top of your box to create a stove top. If you can't find a tray that fits tightly, you can use foil.

Step 2 – To make your oven dials, glue 5 plastic lids to the front of your stove top and add detail with blue paint.

Step 3 – Using scrap cardboard, cut a rectangle to fit across the back of your stove as a splashback and paint white.

Step 4 – Paint your 8 pegs navy blue and leave to dry. Once pegs are dry glue in a line along cardboard splashback.

Step 5 – To create your stove elements, use your rope to cut four strips for each element and glue to stove top.

How to make the oven

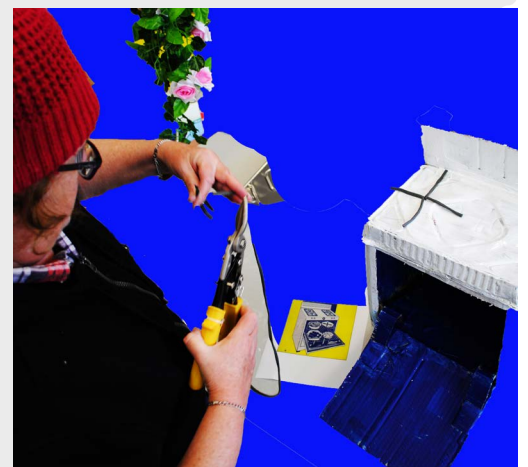
Step 1 – Draw the outline shape of the oven door onto one side of your flattened cardboard box.

Step 2 – Lightly cut the two vertical and top lines of your shape, making sure to leave the bottom line uncut. Then, gently pop out your oven door.

Step 3 – Paint the whole outside of the oven white and inside navy blue. Leave to dry.

Step 4 – Using your bendable wire, create a tray to fit inside the open oven door.

Step 5 – Place tray inside of oven and hot glue the edges of the tray to the oven. You can also use super glue or tape.



Now that your oven is complete, what food are you going to cook?

Think about the colours and textures of food you enjoy eating...

Step 1 – Cut 4 yoghurt containers in half and paint the outside of the containers brown.

Step 2 – Paint the inside of the containers with a layer of PVA glue and fill with soft plastic. You can use a hairdryer to quick dry until the plastic is set in place.

Step 3 – Add the colour and texture of food you enjoy with paint.

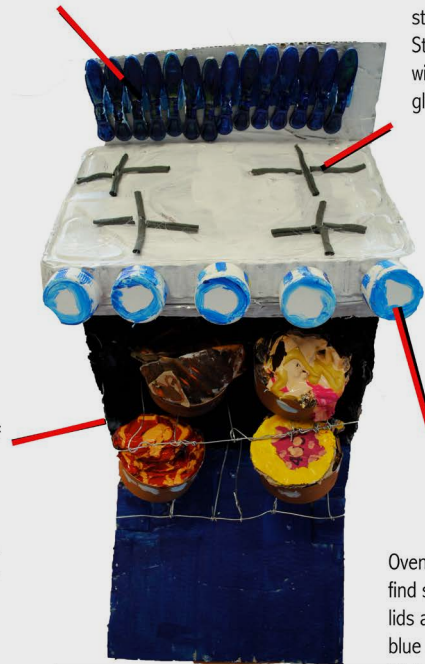
Step 4 – Once all of your food is dry, place onto oven tray.



Stove splash back:
Paint some pegs blue, stick to a piece of flat cardboard then glue onto stove.

Stove elements:
Made from thick string/wool
Stick down with PVA glue.

Fixing trays into oven:
Make a small hole in side of oven using wire. Thread wire through hole, create a loop with wire and tighten. Add super glue for strength if needed.



Oven dial:
find some old lids and add blue shading. Stick on with super glue or hot glue gun.