

The Boyle Family

The Boyle Family are an art collective from Scotland. They are best known for the earth studies: three dimensional casts of the surface of the earth which record and document random sites with great accuracy. These works combine real material from the site (stones, dust, twigs etc) with paint and resins, preserving the form of the ground to make unique one-off pieces.

Below is a short film describing their work how they created their earth works.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol66h_oUOcY

Here are some examples of work by the Boyle Family



Look carefully at the composition (the positioning of the objects in the frame) of each image.

The way they are composed gives more importance to the elements in the image and draws us in.

Look at where the diagonals enter and exit the frame. What happens if you turn them around?

Although we cannot make casts from our environment, can you describe your surroundings at home or a short walk through close up pictures of the ground you walk on ?

You could also create a mixed media piece using cardboard, paint, wood, foil etc.