

Chihuly® Inspired Glass Sculptures
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Materials:

- Play-Doh®
- silly straws cut into pieces

Process:

- This week we will be making sculptures in the spirit of artist, Dale Chihuly. Please feel free to watch this video that briefly shows the art of glass blowing.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gv3eObQTJn4>) This will help your kids get a feel for who Chihuly is and what his work looks like.
- Find a workspace where you can freely roll out your Play-Doh®. A hard surface is best.
- Lay out all your materials. Our silly straws are meant to take the place of blown glass. Feel free to sort your straws by color or any other defining feature.
- Play with your Play-Doh® for a little while. Try sculpting it into different shapes and forms until you find one that you like.
- Begin by pushing some of your silly straws into the Play-Doh®.
 - Ask yourself some of these questions:
 - How well do the straws stay put?
 - You may need to push the Play-Doh® around the straw to secure them.
 - Does pushing one straw in, push another straw out?
 - Your Play-Doh® form may not be thick enough to accommodate straws from all sides. Start again and make a thicker form.
 - Are my straws too long?
 - Feel free to have an adult help you cut the straws into sizes that you like. Be careful with the cut edges of the straws, as they may be a bit sharp.
 - The beauty of this experimental sculpture is that you can try a lot of different things, take it apart, and try it again.
 - Do this until you get a sculpture that looks and feels good to you. Carefully etch your initials in the Play-Doh®.
 - Find a safe spot for your sculpture and let it dry for many days.
 - Bring your artwork back to Old Town Square next Wednesday and have it displayed for all of Fort Collins to see.



Learn More About Dale Chihuly's Work:

- <https://www.chihuly.com/exhibitions>

Artists with a Similar Style:

- Lino Tagliapietra (<https://www.linotagliapietra.com>)
- Marvin Lipofsky (<https://www.marvinlipofsky.com/portfolio.html>)



Sunset Chandelier by Dale Chihuly



Poland by Marvin Lipofsky

About the Art for the Heart Program

Art for the Heart is a program of the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority.

All returned projects will be displayed in our outdoor kiosk located in between Coopersmith's Pub and Poolside restaurants.

Each art project returned will earn you a punch on our "Frequent Artists" punch card. Artists with consistent participation will be awarded art supplies at the end of the summer.

All projects will be saved and returned to the artist.

You can find all of our past projects and more information about the program at <https://downtownfortcollins.org/art-for-the-heart/>