

Is this art good or rubbish?

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Answer: it's both! If you get bored this Bank Holiday weekend, roll a giant ball of paper through the streets. It's called Arte Povera (poor art), says **Chloe Lambert**

You might think that to be an artist you need lots of money and fancy materials. But anyone can create beautiful pieces of art, and everything you need is under your bed or at the bottom of your sock drawer!

A new free exhibition opens today at the Tate Modern in London, and it's all about an art movement called Arte Povera.

Literally meaning "poor art", it was set up by a group of Italian artists in the 1960s. They thought that too many artists and art dealers were worrying about money and sales of their work, and they wanted to show that you could still say something meaningful and poetic with simple, everyday objects.

The Arte Povera artists thought that art didn't need to be made from special paints or expensive equipment — they used second-hand clothes, piles of bricks, even sound.

One of the key Arte Povera figures was a man called Michelangelo Pistoletto. He took a reproduction of a classical Greek statue and surrounded it with old rags that he used for cleaning!

Called *Venus of the Rags*, right, it will be at the Tate this week so you can wander in and decide what you think of it.

In 1966, Pistoletto also created a 2m globe made of newspapers and decided to take it through the city of Turin with his wife, Maria. He called it a walking sculpture (see top right).

On Saturday, as part of Tate Modern's Long Weekend event, Pistoletto will be making a new ball from today's newspapers and rolling it from the gallery across the Thames, through London, and then back down the river by boat.

You can be part of the walking sculpture or join the modern art group House of Fairy Tales for weird and wonderful workshops, all free this weekend at Tate Modern (tate.org.uk/modern).

Check Young Times this Friday for a House of Fairy Tales special!



PUZZLES

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How many balls are used in a game of pool?

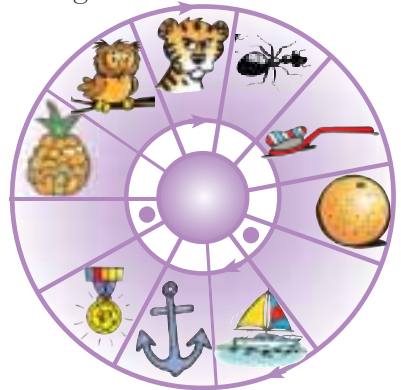
(a) 14 (b) 15 (c) 16

Friday's answer (c) To ward off intruders

True or false: True. The rosy periwinkle, native to the forests of Madagascar, is used to treat children with cancer

Puzzle of the day: wonder wheel

Write the first letter of each picture into the wheel clockwise to spell out two vegetables



Friday's puzzle Daintree

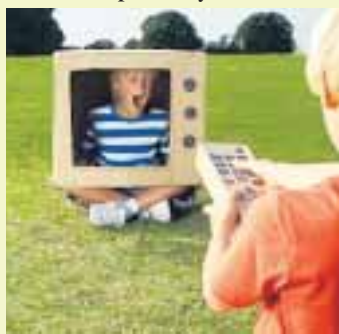
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Take a cardboard box . . . and make a house for a mouse or guinea pig, an armchair, a fake boat to sail in, a robot costume, or put one on your head and pretend you're on TV.



Take a ball of wool . . . and make a giant spider's web or unwind it and make a secret trail for someone to follow

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