

## A FLOATING PIECE OF ART

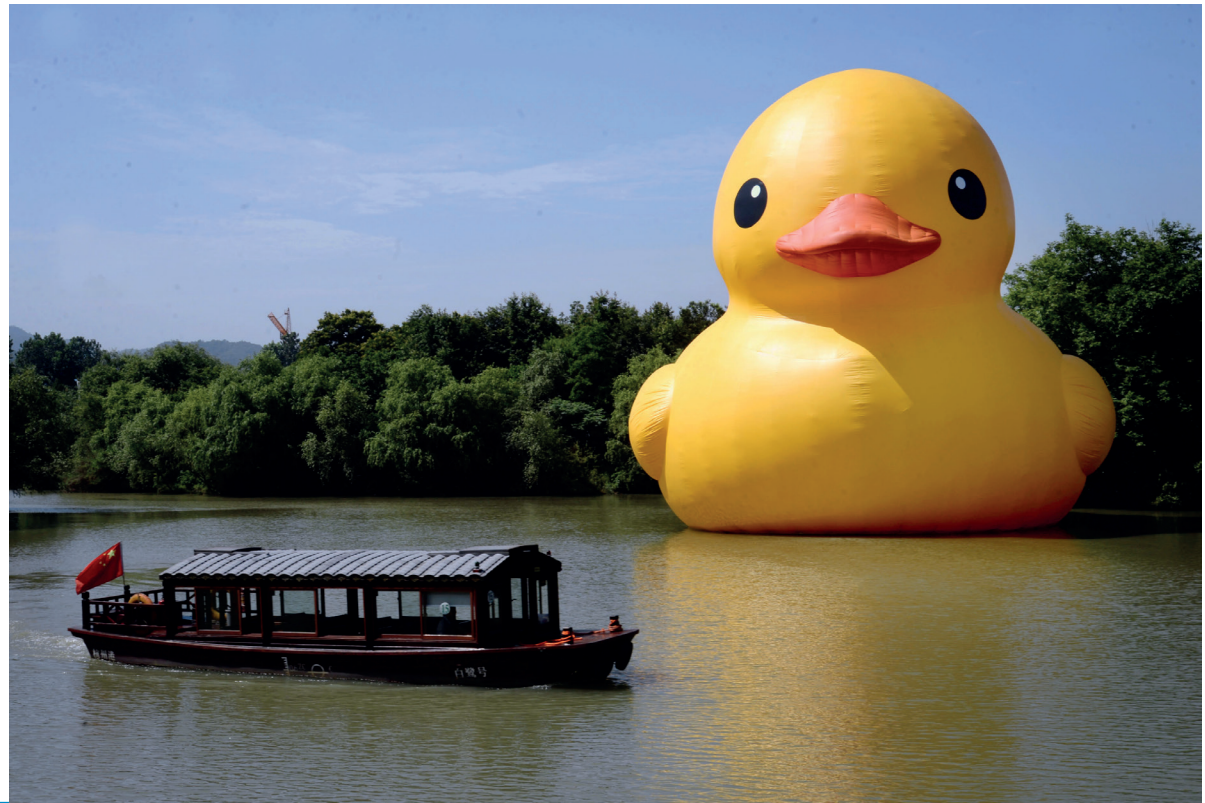
**Level:** Primary 4th Year (Natural Science)

**Time:** 2 sessions

**Materials:**

- ❑ a glass or plastic bowl
- ❑ 3 corks for each boat
- ❑ acrylic paint and paintbrush
- ❑ card board paper
- ❑ elastic bands
- ❑ string
- ❑ scissors
- ❑ toothpick
- ❑ sand and stones (optional)

**Florentijn  
Hofman**



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## FUN FACTS

- ❑ He produces large works of art of everyday objects, like a rubber duck or flip flops.
- ❑ He wants his work of art to make people happy.
- ❑ *Rubber Duck* has appeared in many cities around the world.
- ❑ He destroys his works of art and produces each work of art again for a new city so that rich people can't buy them. He wants his art to be enjoyed by everyone in public places.





### Basic description:

During today's session we will create a floating piece of art. We have to tell the pupils in advance to bring the necessary materials, in this case, a glass or plastic bowl and flower heads and natural materials that float. We will start by presenting the artist Florentijn Hofman. We will ask what facts the pupils know about him. After this short introduction, we will explain the steps to follow. While the pupils perform the activity, we will ask them to think about materials that float.

### Lesson Plan:

First session: (15 min) Explain and talk to your children Florentijn Hofman.  
(30 min) Steps 1-3 should be completed in the first session.

Second session: (30 min) Steps 3-6 should be completed in the second session.  
(15 min) Close the session with a game related to the topic.

### Game:

Play a game with words for objects that float. Have the class stand up. Say a word and pupils say *Yes* if it's a material that floats and *No* if it doesn't. Speed up the game, saying the words faster and faster. The pupils that answer incorrectly sit down. The last pupil standing is the winner.

### Learning Outcomes:

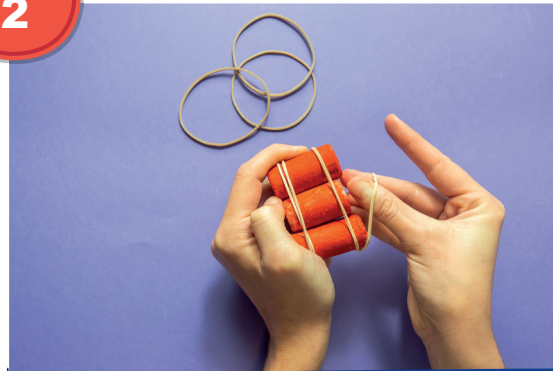
- ✔ Knows objects that float.
- ✔ Makes three-dimensional works with different materials planning the process and choosing the best way of doing it.

Step 1



Paint your corks and let them dry.

Step 2



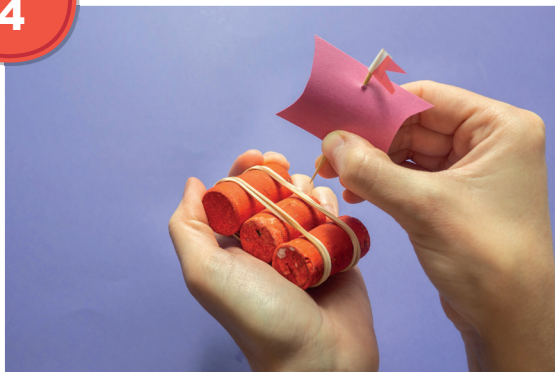
Place your elastic around the three corks.

Step 3



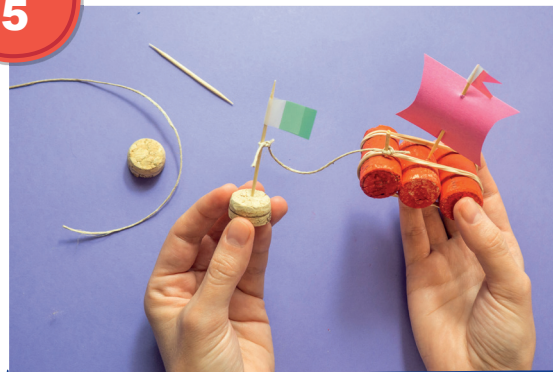
Cut a piece of paper to make a triangle for your sail.

Step 4



Slide toothpick through the sail and push the toothpick into the center cork. Add a wimple if you wish.

Step 5



Add a little string to your cork boat.

Step 6



Pour water into the bowl, add some sand and stones and set sail!