

The Choice of Materials in Art

Together with your group, read the short text and discuss the questions:

Materials and objects play a crucial role in art. They influence how artists make their work and how the viewers interpret the artwork.
Beuys carefully selected the materials for his artwork to inform the meaning of his artwork and convey social and political messages he cared about. Beuys' choice of materials was eclectic. He used a lot of non-traditional materials such as fat,

In which ways do you think materials and objects can influence the viewer?

How did these objects/ materials convey Beuys' social and political messages?

Can you think of any other artists that used non-traditional materials for their art?

You can make some notes here: