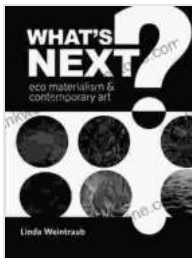


What Next? Eco Materialism and Contemporary Art

Eco Materialism is a contemporary art movement that uses recycled and sustainable materials to create works of art. This movement emerged in the late 1980s and early 1990s, as artists became increasingly aware of the environmental impact of traditional art materials. Eco Materialism artists use a variety of materials, including recycled plastic, metal, glass, and paper. They also use natural materials, such as wood, stone, and plants. Eco Materialism artists believe that art can be a powerful tool for raising awareness about environmental issues.



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History of Eco Materialism

The roots of Eco Materialism can be traced back to the early 20th century, when artists such as Marcel Duchamp and Kurt Schwitters began to use found objects in their work. In the 1960s and 1970s, artists such as Agnes Denes and Christo and Jeanne-Claude created works of art that were

specifically designed to address environmental concerns. However, it was not until the late 1980s and early 1990s that Eco Materialism emerged as a distinct art movement.

One of the most influential figures in the development of Eco Materialism was the artist Mierle Laderman Ukeles. In 1977, Ukeles began a project called "Touch Sanitation," in which she worked with New York City sanitation workers to create a series of performances and installations that celebrated the environmental benefits of recycling. Ukeles's work helped to raise awareness about the importance of recycling and inspired other artists to explore the potential of using recycled materials in their work.

Principles of Eco Materialism

Eco Materialism artists adhere to a number of principles, including:

- **The use of recycled and sustainable materials:** Eco Materialism artists believe that it is important to use materials that are not harmful to the environment. They use recycled materials whenever possible, and they also use natural materials that are sustainably harvested.
- **The creation of works of art that are environmentally friendly:** Eco Materialism artists strive to create works of art that are not only beautiful, but also environmentally friendly. They use materials that are non-toxic and biodegradable, and they avoid using processes that produce harmful emissions.
- **The raising of awareness about environmental issues:** Eco Materialism artists believe that art can be a powerful tool for raising awareness about environmental issues. They create works of art that address issues such as climate change, pollution, and deforestation.

They hope that their work will inspire viewers to take action to protect the environment.

Impact of Eco Materialism

Eco Materialism has had a significant impact on contemporary art. It has helped to raise awareness about environmental issues, and it has inspired artists to explore new materials and techniques. Eco Materialism has also helped to create a new market for sustainable art. Collectors are increasingly interested in purchasing works of art that are made from recycled and sustainable materials.

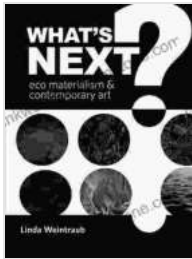
Eco Materialism is a growing movement, and it is likely to continue to have a significant impact on contemporary art in the years to come. As the world becomes increasingly aware of the environmental crisis, artists will continue to use their work to address this important issue.

Eco Materialism is a contemporary art movement that is making a positive impact on the world. This movement is raising awareness about environmental issues, inspiring artists to explore new materials and techniques, and creating a new market for sustainable art. Eco Materialism is a powerful force for change, and it is likely to continue to have a significant impact on contemporary art in the years to come.

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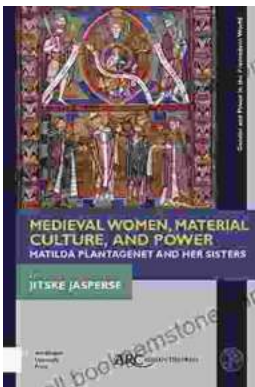


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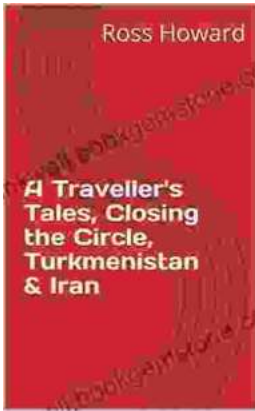
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