Key Facts

Brutalist architecture showcases the building materials and how it is structured, rather than featuring decoration.

Concrete and bare brick are often used to make buildings with definite angles and geometric shapes. They are often a single colour (monochrome). Steel, timber and glass may also be used in Brutalist architecture. US colleges often chose Brutalism as the buildings were low cost and relatively easy to build.

Key Work



South Bank Centre, London Built between 1962 and 1965, the South Bank Centre is Europe's largest centre for the arts. As with many Brutalist buildings people often either love it or hate it.

Pinch pot

Coil pot

Joint

Slip

Key Vocabulary

Pot made from one

piece of clayby

Brutalism Popular 1950s - 1970s



Habitat 67, Montreal

Key Work



The Geisel Library, San Diego, USA Opened in 1970, designed by William Pereira and named after Audrey and Theodore Geisel (Dr Seuss), this serves as a library for the University of California.

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3D: Clay

squeezing/shaping Plan a sculpture through clay between thumb drawing and other and fingers. preparatory work. Pot made from coiling Develop skills in using long clay sausages. clay, eg slabs, coils, Slab work Flat, rolled pieces of clay joined in slips etc. construction. Create sculpture and Where two pieces of construction with clay are joined -rough increasing edges are best. independence. Very watery clay used to strengthen joints. Forming with Clay Tools for Shaping Clay





Pinch pot

Coil pot

Slab building

Key Aims

Brutalist designs are aiming to create simple, honest and functional buildings. Many Brutalist structures have a monumental, massive feeling. Brutalism aimed to be modern, reacting against the architectural fashion of the 1940s, which looked to the past (nostalgia). Newer materials like concrete provided new opportunities. Concrete's qualities have made it the second most-used substance in the world, after water.

Key Work



Bus stop in Lithuania Built sometime between 1960 and 1980, when Lithuania was part of the USSR. It is made of concrete and the design contains right angles and geometric shapes.

Examples of Existing Art Practical forms



Geometric shapes



Wall art

