

What Makes a Sculpture?

Exploring 3-D art-making with
Free-Form sculpture activity.

To Start:

Find some discarded objects big or small.

Look for things that would be otherwise thrown away, recycled, or given away (ask your parents and family to help with this). String, yarn, chewed gum, fabric scraps, rubber bands and tape can help you connect your objects. Gather the materials that you have found until you are ready to start making. Putting all everything in one container will help your work stay organized.



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What are the Steps?



1

Start Making

Lay out all the objects that you have gathered on your work area. (Sorting your objects into groups may help you think about what to make.) The form of your sculpture will depend on the objects that you choose and how you put them together.



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Start Building

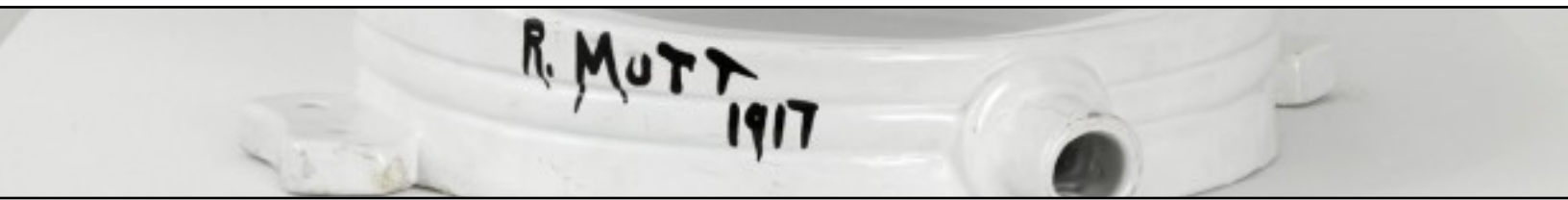
Connect your objects together. There is no right or wrong way to do this.



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Keep On Going!

Try to use all the materials that you collected. Or, go and look for more things to add to your sculpture. Keep adding more and more things until you decide the sculpture is finished.



4

Finish Making

Place your finished sculpture in a place of respect. A place where it can be easily seen as an object of value. This is the way we show art in the museum. We value the ideas and work of artists as important to life.



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Take a Photo of Your Sculpture.

You could keep adding things *forever!* But, if you take pictures while you are making, you will have a record of all the changes that you made along the way. Artists do this to keep track of their ideas.

Reflections

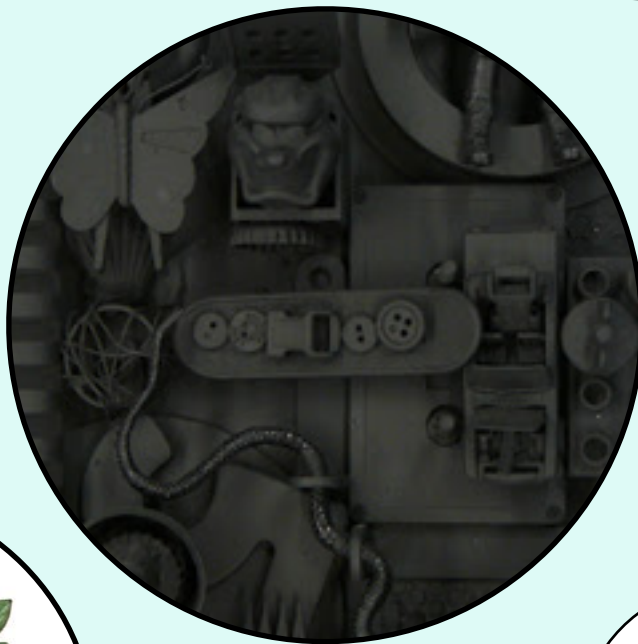


How do materials you gathered make you feel while you are working?



Did you create a story in your mind while you were making your sculpture?

Do you see beauty in discarded objects?



Perhaps each of the objects that you gathered had an old story. Can you imagine a new story for these objects?

