

Found Object Sculpture

Wellin Museum of Art



What is a found object?

Found objects are manufactured or natural objects that an artist collects to use in their artwork. It's super easy to make your own found object sculpture at home!

The artist Jeffrey Gibson makes his art using objects that relate to his identity as a Native American man. In this activity, you will make a sculpture using objects that represent you.

Questions to think about when choosing your objects

- Where are you from?
- What is your favorite food?
- What is your favorite song?
- What is your favorite book?
- What is your favorite subject?
- Do you play a sport?
- Do you play an instrument?
- What do you like to do?



How to make a found object sculpture

1. **Collect your objects.** You can find objects in your house, like beads, pieces of cardboard, yarn, or old toys. You can also use objects from nature, like rocks, leaves, and sticks.
2. **Try out different designs.** Arrange the objects in different ways to figure out what looks best. You can plan the sculpture by drawing it too.
3. **Put the sculpture together.** You can glue the pieces together to make the sculpture last, or simply lay the pieces out