



ART ACTIVITY: Take & Make

Make a Miniature Paper Sculpture



What is an assemblage?

An assemblage is a work of art constructed using various found objects, grouped, or pieced together. Be inspired by artists such as Thornton Dial, and create your own paper sculpture.

“My art is the evidence of my freedom. When I start any piece of art I can pick up anything I want to pick up. When I get ready for that, I already got my idea for it. I start with whatever fits with my idea, things I will find anywhere. I gather up things from around. I see the piece in my mind before I start, but after you start making it you see more that need to go in it. It’s just like inventing something.”

-Thornton Dial (1928-2016)

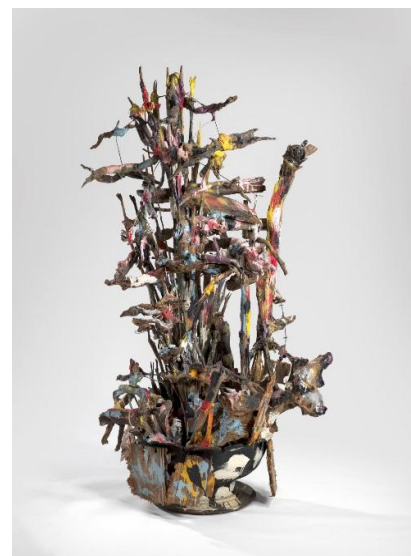
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SUPPLIES:

- Paper for base of sculpture
- Paper scraps
- Scissors
- Glue

INSTRUCTION:

1. Start with a small piece of paper to serve as a base for your sculpture.
2. Cut a 2-3 inch strip of paper and bend the strip of paper in the shape of a “rainbow.” Fold the ends to make tabs for glue, as shown to the right. Glue the tabs to your paper base.
3. Using your scissors and scrap paper, cut out other shapes of various sizes to add to your design. Use glue to attach your paper pieces to your sculpture or explore other ways of attaching the paper shapes. Try cutting slots in your paper pieces and inserting them onto the “rainbow” arch on your sculpture base.
4. Use your imagination and keep adding to your design! See how tall you can make your sculpture, or how decorative you can make it with curls, fringes, and folds. To make curls in your paper, try wrapping your paper around cylindrical objects such as pencils, markers, or a glue stick!



Tree of Life (In the Image of Old Things), 1994
Thornton Dial, American, 1928-2016
Found wood, roots, rubber tire, wire, fabric, plastic air freshener, enamel, industrial sealing compound, 2018.62

