Think you don’t have art materials around your house? Look again! Many artists use “non-traditional” materials to make art. One example is this piece from August Ventimiglia, from his series called *Borrowed Lines* and is composed of pages from a popular mythology in which text that was underlined by previous owners has been cut out leaving just the lines. The artist then weaved the strips of the cut pages together, creating what looks like a hanging tapestry.

Now it’s your turn to see what you can create with items from around your house.

**Activity:** Painting with Food

**Materials:**
- Paintbrush and water
- Alternative painting materials from your kitchen, such as jelly, ketchup, mustard, coffee, and more!
- Containers for alternate “paints”
- Paper and pencil or marker for additional details

**Directions:**
- Gather your alternative “paints” from your fridge and pantry and add to small cups or onto a paper plate. Add water if needed to thicker materials, such as jam.
- Start with a test paper: add a swatch of each type of “paint” to see what it looks like on paper. Label with a pencil, pen, or marker.
- Once you find several colors of “paint” that you like, use them to create an artwork, such as a landscape or still life, or just play with the “paints” to make patterns.

**Tips:**
- Some of your “paints” may take a long time to dry.
- Adding a coat of clear glue or acrylic medium will seal your artwork so it lasts.
- Have fun experimenting!

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