



Become inspired by objects you have at home. Go through a junk drawer, go for a walk, find objects that catch your eye, or maybe things you have lying around the house. Use artist Louise Nevelson as an inspiration to create your very own assemblage from your ordinary items.

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Left: Louise Nevelson, *Dream Houses XXXIII*, 1972. Black painted wood, 63 in. X 48 in x 24 in.

Activity:

Creating an assemblage, or 3-D collage from common items.

Materials:

- Found objects (Bottlecaps, corks, screws, wire, cardboard, wood, old toys etc.)
- Glue
- Base for your assemblage. This can be a box cover, piece of wood, or a paper plate
- Spray paint or acrylic paint (optional)

Directions:

- Begin by assembling materials. Anything that inspires you, maybe you want to go for a walk outside and collect sticks, rocks, acorns, pinecones, etc. or check your recycle bin. Feel free to mix any elements and be creative with what you use.
- Once you have all your supplies gathered, lay them out in front of you. Begin to lay out pieces onto your base. You can decide if you want to make a two-dimensional piece or something that will stand tall, like Nevelson's work (above).
- Move the found objects around until you have a composition you like. Then begin to glue down objects one at a time.
- When your assemblage is completed and glued, you can choose to paint the assemblage one color either with acrylic paint or spray paint. Spray paint will be faster and give you a more consistent coat of color if you have it available.

Tips:

- Have fun collecting your materials and let yourself be inspired by ordinary objects.
- Try to create as much of your assemblage as possible before you begin to glue, sometimes your idea will change as you add more to your sculpture.
- Make sure to go outside or somewhere very well ventilated to spray paint.

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