



Nature has inspired artists for hundreds of years. This is true for many of the artists who have work in the Currier's paperweight collection. Thanks to Henry Melville Fuller, we have over 300 glass paperweights and many of them have flowers, insects, and animals in them. Check out the collection [here](#) and see what you can find.

When you are ready, head outside and begin collecting a few natural elements of your own then complete this easy drawing exercise.

Rick Ayotte, *Cherry Blossoms and Blueberries Magnum Paperweight*, 1990, glass, 4 5/8 in. x 4 5/8 in.

**Activity:** Observational Drawing

**Materials:**

- white paper
- pencil
- glue stick
- natural materials
- crayons, markers, colored pencils or paint

**Directions:**

- Collect objects in nature such as leaves, acorn or pinecone
- Cut natural material in half and glue to paper
- With a pencil draw the missing half of the natural object
- Add color

**Tips:**

- Repeat a few times with different objects
- Add notes to your drawing about interesting things you notice about your object, such as it's shape, colors, smell etc.

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