



Found Object Sculpture



Bessie Harvey was born in 1929 in Dallas, Georgia, the seventh of eleven children. She is best known for making sculptural pieces out of found objects, especially wood. She liked to find figures hidden in wood, and would often dig giant tree roots out of the earth to use in her work. She also added glitter, beads, and other objects she came across, like in this piece, *Chariot Ride*.

Bessie Harvey, *Chariot Ride*, 1991. Mixed media



Make your own found object sculpture!

Definitions

Sculpture — an artwork made from materials such as glass, wood, clay, metal that is 3D

Found Object — a thing that someone else has given or thrown away that is often repurposed by artists

Directions

1. Gather your materials:
 - small branches or twigs
 - small paper cup
 - salt dough or Model Magic
 - sea shells, beads, cloth, tissue paper, feathers, googly eyes, etc.
 - glue
2. Use the dough or Model Magic to create a base in the cup for the sculpture. Then place the branch in the base, squishing the dough around the branch to hold it upright.
3. With the branch for a body, use the found objects to create a sculpture of a person, animal, or even a monster! Wrap or pinch the tissue paper around the branch to make a face and add use the googly eyes, feathers, and more for the details. What other objects can you incorporate into your sculpture?