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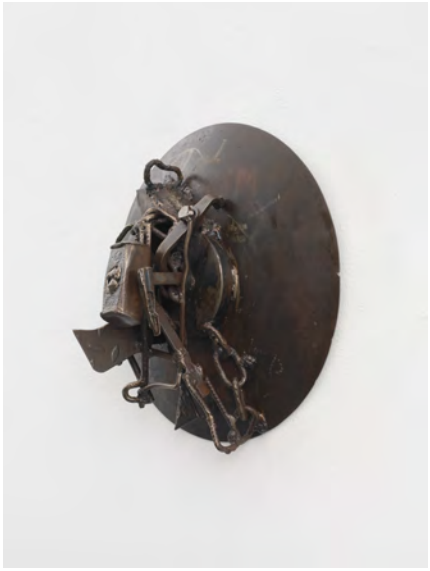
O-riginal Art Activities:

3D Assemblage
Inspired by Melvin Edwards



Melvin Edwards, *Wayou Tugge*, 2014, Welded steel, Courtesy of the artist and Alexander Gray Associates, New York; Stephen Friedman Gallery. London

Melvin Edwards is known for his dense, metal assemblages that honor the connection between African and African American art. Edward's great-great-great grandfather was a West African blacksmith and the African continent has, in his words, "always been there for me in one way or another." Blacksmithing is an important part of many African cultures.

Build an assemblage inspired by blacksmithing.

SEE MELVIN EDWARDS' *WAYOU TUGGE* IN *MELVIN EDWARDS: CROSSROADS* PRESENTED BY THE HELIS FOUNDATION AT THE OGDEN MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN ART. CHECK OUT OGDEN MUSEUM ONLINE FOR MORE RESOURCES!

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Supplies

Aluminum Foil, Scissors, Masking Tape, Cardboard

Instructions

Step 1: Use a marker and plate or another round object to draw a circle on a piece of cardboard.

Step 2: Use scissors to cut the circle out. Wrap the cardboard circle with aluminum foil. Use masking tape to tape the foil on the back side of the cardboard circle.

Step 3: What shapes or objects come to mind when you think of metalworking or blacksmithing? Use a marker to draw these objects on cardboard. Repeat Step 2 with your drawings.

Step 4: Wrap plastic or cardboard objects with aluminum to add abstract elements to your piece.

Step 5: Think about how you want to arrange your objects and shapes. Think about layering them, consider building up and out from the background.

Step 6: When you have decided on an arrangement tape them to the circle background.

Tip: To add more depth, cut paper into a few small strips. Roll the strips and glue them together. Next, tape the rolled paper between your objects and the background .

Vocabulary

Abstract - an artwork that is comprised of shapes and colors

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

NATURE VALLEY
SWEET & SALTY NUT
granola bars
Roasted Mixed Nut