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Movement Mondays: Found Object Skyline Sculpture



A **skyline** is the outline of a city against the sky. Skylines are like fingerprints for cities - no two are exactly alike! Because of their beauty and recognizability, skylines are common subjects in various works of art. You've probably seen images of famous skylines in the United States, such as New York's with the Empire State Building, or San Francisco's with the Golden Gate Bridge.

Assemblage is a category of sculpture that puts together *found objects* to create a 3D structure or design. **Found objects** are items used in an artwork that are recognizable as what they were before existing as part of a sculpture.

Build your own city skyline using objects you find in your own home!

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Instructions

Step 1: Research images of city skylines. You can look in magazines, in books or online. Familiarize yourself with the characteristics of the skylines and buildings. What sorts of skylines appeal to you? What about their design do you like?

Step 2: Adventure time! Scavenge around your house and collect items that you think you could use to build your skyline. Be sure to ask a parent or guardian's permission to use the objects that you find. Don't worry about making sure you have everything you need - you can always go back and find more objects.

Step 3: Build your skyline! Get creative with different methods of assembly. Can you stack some objects? Lean them against each other? Flip them upside down?

Step 4: Snap a picture, and then clean up your supplies. Make sure to put everything back where you found it.

Step 5 (Optional): Start the project over, timing how long it takes you. Can you beat your fastest record?

Vocabulary

Skyline - the outline of a city against the sky

Assemblage - a category of sculpture that uses *found objects* to create a new structure

Found object - an item used in an artwork that is still recognizable as what it was before existing as part of an artwork

