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## O-riginal Art Activities: Installation Art Inspired by Ashley Pridmore



Ashley Pridmore, *Dreams of Eve*, 2020, Steel, recycled foam, found rope, papier- mâché, vines and oyster shells, Collection of the artist

**Ashley Pridmore** is a multi-disciplinary artist whose practice engages photography, drawing, assemblage, ceramics and installation, but is primarily centered on sculpture. Born in the Finger Lakes region of New York State, her childhood was unusual in contemporary American culture. One of seven children in a household without television, her free time was spent running wild in the forests, playing music or creating art at home.

The work of Ashley Pridmore explores the cycles of life, death and rebirth. Often working with industrial materials combined with natural objects, her sculptures blur the lines between organic and inorganic, creating a tension that opens a dialogue about mankind's effect on the delicate systems of nature.

**Create a nature inspired installation.**

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### Supplies

Pencil, Color Pencils, Paper,  
Scissors, Tape

### Instructions

**Step 1:** What is your favorite animal? What kind of environment does this animal live in? Does it live in trees, underwater or underground?

**Step 2:** Once you have decided on an environment for your animal, search your house for a place to set up your installation. What objects in your house look like the environment you're trying to create. Use table or chair legs as trees, houseplants as a forest, or a glass container as the sea. Use your imagination to think of different objects to use.

**Step 3:** Use a pencil to draw your animal and some elements of its environment. What else is in its environment; rocks, leaves, seashells, or other animals?

**Step 4:** Use color pencils to color your drawings.

**Step 5:** Use scissors to cut out your drawings.

**Step 6:** Create your installation. Use tape to tape your animal and elements into their "environment". Be sure to ask a parent or guardian's permission before taping up your installation.

### Vocabulary

**Installation art** - genre of art that are site-specific and transform the chosen space

