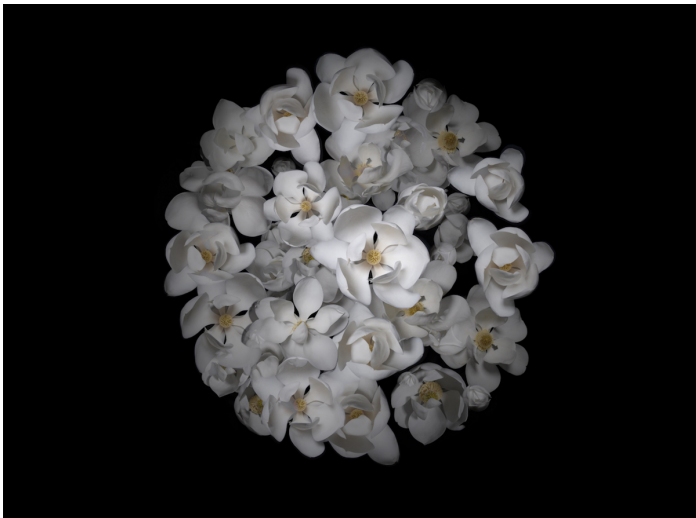




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Movement Mondays: **Found Object Assemblage** **Inspired by the** **Winter Weather**



Courtney Egan, *Cluster*, 2015, HD video projection, Courtesy of the artist

Due to the severe winter weather in New Orleans and the South over the last week, residents have been spending less time outdoors and more time inside staying warm. The goal of this activity is to observe what elements of nature are present in your home and to enjoy the beauty of nature from the warmth and safety of your own home!

New Orleans experienced cold weather this past week. Create an assemblage using found objects in this Movement Monday Activity inspired by scenes of nature.

Instructions

Step 1: Look around your home and observe what items were made by or inspired by nature. For example, my bookcase is made of wood, I have lights shaped like a cactus and there are flowers on my table.

Step 2: Think about your favorite nature setting and collect items from around your house to create a nature scene. Be sure to ask your parent or guardian permission to use the **found objects**.

Step 3: Find a place to set up your **assemblage**. You can use any flat surface, maybe on top of a table, book shelf or on a windowsill. If you have a piece of paper, you can use it as a background for your artwork.

Step 4: Once you have a space to work and your objects, think about the **composition** of your assemblage. Take some time to arrange the objects as if they were a field of flowers, trees in a forest, or whatever nature scene you choose.

Step 5: When you are happy with your artwork, take photos of your scene to share with friends and family.

Vocabulary

Composition - is the arrangement or placement of visual elements in a piece of artwork

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

Assemblage – a work of art made by grouping found or unrelated objects together

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