

ARTventures ... at home!

Assemblage Sculptures

Create a work of 3D art using collage and assemblage techniques inspired by artist Therman Statom.



Supplies

empty box or container
pictures, stickers, or magazines
found items and objects
scissors or X-acto® knife
Elmers® glue, gluestick or hot glue
acrylic paints and paintbrush
water cup
scrap newspaper
Screwdriver/screws (optional)



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Step 1

Study *Ovala Marea* and notice how it contains both 2D and 3D elements within a contained space. Find an unused container to use for your artwork. You can choose a shoebox, a lid, an old drawer, a shadow box, a case, or a combination of any of these. Challenge yourself to find something you can repurpose.



Step 2

If desired, remove any hardware or cover those areas with masking tape to prepare it for a base coat of paint. Prepare your painting space by putting scrap newspaper or other protection underneath. Paint the entire box and be sure to cover it completely.

Helpful hint: allow one side to dry before painting other sides. If any areas continue to show through, paint more layers as needed.



Step 3

Starting with 2D images first, prepare and add the interior elements. Trim images or paper with scissors or X-acto® knife. Arrange the cut images into a composition within your box that is interesting to you. Use glue to adhere layers, adding background first images first.

Helpful hint: trim images closely for seamless effect. Use X-acto® knife safely. Always point knife cut away from yourself and hold knife at a 45° angle. Make several, smaller cuts for larger images.



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Step 4

Arrange your 3D items in ways that enhance your 2D images. This could be through color choices, matching 2D and 3D imagery, or through creative use of different spaces. Try at least 2 different arrangements before selecting a final design.



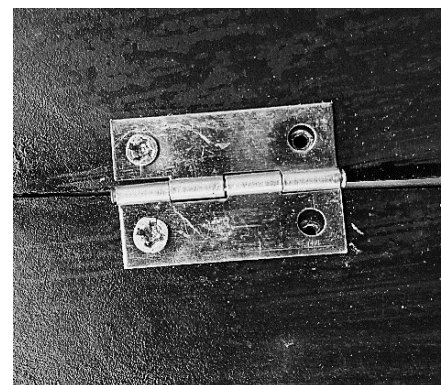
Step 5

When you are pleased with your arrangement, glue everything in place. You may find that not everything fits or you may want to go on a secondary scavenging hunt. Keep adding and designing the artwork to your liking.



Step 6

Reassemble the structural elements such as hinges or clasps, if desired. Reinforce your heavier items and reinforce the sculpture.



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Step 7

Enjoy your work from all angles!



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