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Hello and welcome to 'Art Vids for Kids'. In this video, we'll be looking at a colorful sculpture. Look closely. What did you notice? How did it make you feel? When I look at *Elephant Walk*, it makes me very happy.

There are so many pieces that make it whole. Can you find the two elephants? They're standing on top of a teeter-totter! Look at how everything balances on top of his head. If this is a hat, it sure is unusual. Let's look at another part. How many yellow discs, or circles, can you count? That's right—there's eleven of them!

Now that we've looked closely, let's think about how it was made. The artist, Richard Jolley, made all the different pieces by melting colored bits of glass in a very hot oven. This way, he could push and pull the soft glass with

different tools to create the flowers, shapes, elephants, and other parts of *Elephant Walk*. It would have been a lot of work!

I have a challenge for you. Look closely at the green ball atop the head. Next, look closely at the green shirt. How are they alike or different? You probably noticed the ball is textured and shiny, like windows or glasses you drink from. Glass gets shinier as it cools. But, you probably noticed the green shirt doesn't look shiny—in fact it looks kind of blurry. We call this look satin. The artist probably used tools to polish it this way. After this video, look around your house for glass objects with shiny or satin finishes. Ask your grown-up for help with this.

Let's end by thinking of one word to describe the artwork. For me, my word would be, "whimsical", which is a fun word to say. Try it now, "whimsical". I hope you smiled while you said it out loud.

Be sure to visit the Dayton Art Institute to see *Elephant Walk* in Gallery 123. Thanks for watching and check back next month for a new 'Art Vids for Kids'!

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