ARTMAKING PROJECT | Mixed Media Animals!

Noah’s Ark: Genesis, by Detroit artist Charles McGee, was constructed using a lot of stuff! On top of the paint, McGee added fabric, rope, scraps of sheet music, even an actual bee! This work, along with others by McGee, express his joy of life, delight in nature, and belief that humans and nature can coexist in harmony. What animals can you spot in this work?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Think about how you coexist with nature.
What animals live near you, maybe even WITH you?
What animals do you see frequently?

Choose an animal for your artwork.
What materials around the house could you include to make your picture something that uniquely represents you?
What materials will you use to create the setting?
What other elements of nature will you want to include?

MATERIALS

- Paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Any mark-making utensil
- Scraps of paper or fabric
- String
- Wire
- Other random odds and ends from around the house!
ARTMAKING PROJECT | Directions

Step 1


Step 2

Sketch out your idea, thinking about how you’ll use your materials to represent the animal you choose to make. What will the setting of your picture be? Think about creating a whole scene with other animals, plants or buildings around.

Step 3

Begin to construct your picture, layering the different pieces and objects you like. What season is it? Is it a sunny day or cloudy day?

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