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Joyce Scott Inspired Statement Necklace

From *Craft in America*:

Joyce J. Scott is a versatile artist from Baltimore, Maryland. A printmaker, weaver, sculptor, performance artist, and educator—she is probably best known for her work in jewelry, beadwork, and glass. Scott's work reflects her take on all aspects of American popular culture, her ancestry, and the more immediate world of her neighborhood. Her pieces serve as a commentary on issues regarding socialism, race, politics, sexism, and stereotypes. About her work, Scott says, "I believe in messing with stereotypes...It's important for me to use art in a manner that incites people to look and then carry something home—even if it's subliminal—that might make a change in them."

<https://www.craftinamerica.org/artist/joyce-j-scott>



Joyce Scott
Topographical Fields (Neckpiece), 1989
Glass beads, thread, and wire
11 1/2 x 9 1/2 inches
Racine art Museum, Gift of Laura Oskowitz
Photography: Jon Bolton

Use this activity as a means to express yourself creatively and allow your work to be a catalyst for dialogue or conversation stimulated by your wearable statement necklace.

Directions

1. Decide on a subject that is important to you. Your statement necklace should reflect a message.
2. Choose the base of your necklace. One sample below uses recycled wire and the other uses construction paper.
3. Gather and collect materials that represent the subject of your statement necklace, remember to choose elements that evoke conversation.
4. Glue, string, wire, or adhere any 3D embellishments to your necklace to create dynamic and dramatic design.
5. Wear your statement necklace and be ready to engage in conversation!



This sample was made with:

- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Beads and gems
- Printed paper with names

Can you guess what the subject matter of this piece is?

Answer:

Women Empowerment Necklace



This sample was made with:

- Recycled wire
- Recycled screws
- Needle-nose pliers

Can you guess what the subject matter of this piece is?

Answer:

Reduce, Reuse & Recycle Necklace