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Manuel Hughes Inspired Zero Waste Assemblage

Inspired by the mundane objects of everyday life, Manuel Hughes creates still life paintings that encourage viewers to investigate commonplace objects and their significance. The artwork shown, *Scat Series #3*, is a part of RAM's permanent collection.

Gain inspiration from the materials depicted in this painting and create your own zero waste art assemblage. Collect waste at home, craft an upcycled work, and fasten it into a permanent or temporary 3D collage. This is an excellent project for adults and children alike and, best of all, helps keep trash from landfills. Kids, just be sure to ask your parents for permission to use whatever you find!



Manuel Hughes
Scat Series #3, 1991
Oil on paper
15 1/4 x 18 1/4 inches
Racine Art Museum,
Gift of Stefanie Juster Gothelf
Photography: Jon Bolton
Not currently on display

Supplies

- Cardboard Boxes (various sizes)
- Plastic Containers
- Various Found Objects
- Markers
- Paper
- Glue
- Tape
- Scissors
- Pencil



Instructions

1. Collect waste materials like cardboard boxes, plastic containers, food wrappers, and spice bottles to create your project.
2. Layer your materials inside an open box or container to create a sense of dimension.
3. Use your art supplies to add color, texture, and design to the materials. Think of a fun, unifying theme for your assemblage, like this kitchen-themed project sample seen here.
4. Fasten the decorated pieces together with tape or glue, if desired.

