

# FOUND OBJECT ART

Inspired by the DuMA  
Biennial 2021

## Items needed:

- Stuff you found that piques YOUR creativity (trash, recycling, old art supplies, natural objects); ANYTHING that you want to repurpose into a work of art
- Glue or tape
- Drawing or painting supplies

## WHAT IS THE DuMA Biennial Juried Exhibition, ANYWAY?

The DuMA Biennial is held every other year, and it is a chance for regional artists to submit a few recently completed works for selection by a juror who looks at all the submitted artwork and puts together a cohesive and impactful exhibit. The artists don't know what other art is being submitted or what the juror is envisioning - it is a creative surprise!

**ART created from found objects can make a powerful statement about environmental issues, overconsumption, the isolation of the pandemic, even the fundamental question of value and what makes art, well, art...**

## Challenge #1: USE ONLY WHAT YOU HAVE

Ever hear of the paradox of choice? Sometimes too many options overwhelm our creativity. See what you can create just by gathering a small handful of materials you already have. A ballpoint pen, a piece of graph paper, and a stuffed animal make a still life. Slicing strawberries on a thick piece of paper makes abstract art. Fold your laundry into colorful piles and take a photo.

## Challenge #2: TRASH ART

Picking up plastic litter from a waterway or scrap materials at an old construction site can turn an environmental concern into an opportunity for engagement. Wildlife gets a restored habitat, and you might create a collage featuring a local fish species or build a house re-using discarded materials. Safety is key, though:

**WARNING! BE SURE YOU HAVE AN ADULT VERIFY THE SAFETY OF ANY DISCARDED OBJECT YOU ARE THINKING OF PICKING UP! TRASH/LITTER CAN BE VERY HAZARDOUS, SO WEAR GLOVES AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING!**