**Lesson Plan**

**“Found Object Sculptures”**

**Objective:** Students will use found objects to create relief sculptures.

**Materials**
- large craft sticks
- white glue
- art room junk: beads, buttons, toothpicks, foam shapes, wood pieces, etc...
- spray paint

**Motivation**
- Show the work of artist [Louise Nevelson](https://www.artistsforart.com/louise-nevelson). Have students try to guess how she made her sculptures.
- Review the difference between two-dimensional and three-dimensional art.
- Discuss the concept of “trash to treasure” or taking something old and making it new.

**Step 1: Make the Base**
Demonstrate how to lay two craft sticks down, run a bead of glue along each, and set more craft sticks on top to create a “bridge.” This is the base for the sculpture.

**Step 2: Create the Sculpture**
Demonstrate how to add art junk to create a relief sculpture. Make sure students use plenty of glue. (It is helpful to have a paper placemat underneath each project that students can use as a tray to carry the project to the drying rack.)

Emphasize that students should look at the shape and form of their sculptures, rather than the colors. Which shapes look best together? Where should shapes go on the base?

**Step 3: Paint**
When dry, and after the students have gone home, spray paint the sculptures all one color. You may want to have a few colors available that students can choose from. If you’re sticking with Nevelson as inspiration, black, white and gold are good options.

**Tip:** Have each student write his or her name on the back of one of the large craft sticks BEFORE starting the project.

**Tip:** Have students label their placemats with their names and their color choices for easy sorting later.

**Tip:** This is one project where more glue is better!

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