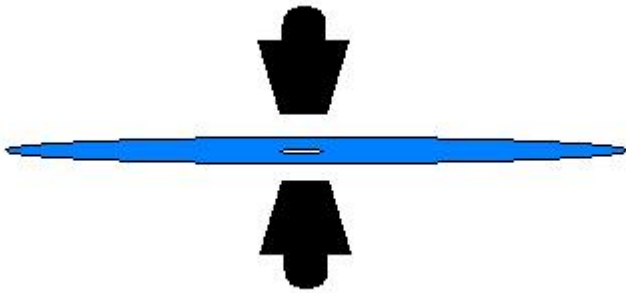


Assemblage Art Top

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Assemblage is an artistic process in which a three-dimensional artistic composition is made from putting together found objects. It's the 3-D cousin of the *collage*. Artists from Jean Debuffet to Pablo Picasso have made *assemblage* pieces using butterfly wings, pieces of wood, newspaper, buttons and wire.

Part of the fun of *assemblage* pieces for the viewer is recognizing the found objects in the art. Whether it's a bottle cap, candy wrapper or a crutch, found object can give unique structure, texture and sometimes add to the story of the piece.



To make the *assemblage* top you will need an old CD, two dry erase marker tops, a hot glue gun (ask your parents to help you with this) and some flatter found objects (buttons, candy wrappers, paper clips).

Hot glue each of the caps to the center of the CD. Hot glue a 2 or 3 more found objects to the one side of the top.

Cool. You can spin the top on either side. Watch how the found objects blur and slowly come into focus.