

Spencer Museum of Art

Art Cart at Home: Mindful Collage



detail



Yeesookyung 李受徑
Translated Vase, 2009



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This activity features a sculpture by Korean artist Yeesookyung 李受徑 titled *Translated Vase*. [Learn more](#) about her work in the Spencer collection.

Look closely at this work of art.

- **What do you notice first?**
- **What colors do you see?**
- **What words would you use to describe the shapes, and what do they remind you of?**

Yeesookyung gathers broken ceramic pieces from waste piles of Korean ceramic artists. Fragments of blue and white teapots, vases, spouts, and handles are glued back together like a jigsaw puzzle to make something new and whole again.

She begins by slowly assembling these discarded pottery fragments piece-by-piece, filling in the cracks with 24-karat gold powder and glue. This way of working helps practice mindfulness: being in the moment, not thinking about the past or future, allows the sculpture to emerge organically. Instead of trying to hide the cracks and broken pieces, the artist uses gold to highlight them. This reminds us that even after begin broken down, we can emerge stronger than ever.

Think about how you might practice mindfulness when making a paper collage.

INSTRUCTIONS

Visit the [Little Free Museum](#) in front of the Spencer for your free Art Cart activity packet.

In this packet, you will find:

- ◇ One gold metallic marker (this is a permanent marker, so take care not to get on clothes)
- ◇ One glue stick
- ◇ One piece each of black and white paper
- ◇ A selection of decorative paper
- ◇ One *Translated Vase* postcard for inspiration (or use it in your collage!)



You will need to supply a pair of scissors.

Use the materials to create a collage:

1. Begin by cutting your decorative paper into pieces. Cut out different sizes and shapes. Think about how [Yeesoogyung](#) lets her process flow naturally and let that inspire your work.
2. Lay your fragments onto either the black or white background paper and arrange them to your liking. Try different arrangements and overlapping pieces before deciding on the one you like best.
3. Once you are done with your arrangement, use your glue stick to secure pieces onto the background paper. You will need to leave about 1/8th inch in between each paper fragment.
4. Let the glue dry completely.
5. Use the metallic marker to draw the seams onto your collage to connect it all together. Look at the *Translated Vase* postcard for inspiration.
6. Let the metallic marker dry, and enjoy your Mindful Collage.

Check our [Little Free Museum](#) or the [Spencer Art At Home](#) portal for more Art Cart at Home activities!

