

Spencer Museum of Art

Art Cart at Home: Mindful Collage



detail



Yeosookyung 李受徑
Translated Vase, 2009



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This activity features a sculpture by Korean artist Yeosookyung 李受徑 titled *Translated Vase*. .

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?**

Yeosookyung 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

You will need:

- ◇ One glue stick or bottle of glue
- ◇ Colored and/or decorative paper
- ◇ A pair of scissors
- ◇ Colored markers, metallic paint pen if you have one
- ◇ Optional materials: sticker, Washi tape

Use the materials to create a collage:

1. Learn about Yeessookyung's *Translated Vase* [here](#)
2. Begin by cutting your paper into fragment pieces. Cut out different sizes and shapes. Think about how [Yeessookyung](#) lets her process flow naturally and let that inspire your work.
3. Arrange your paper fragments into a collage in any way you like. Try different arrangements and overlapping pieces before deciding on the one you like best.
4. Once you are done with your arrangement, use glue to secure pieces onto background paper. You will need to leave about 1/8th inch in between each paper fragment.
5. Let the glue dry completely.
6. Use markers or a metallic paint pen to draw the seams onto your collage to connect it all together.
7. Let the marker dry, and enjoy your Mindful Collage.

