

NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

Art from Everyday Materials

Inspired by the special exhibition *Robert Rauschenberg: Five Decades from the Whitney's Collection*



Robert Rauschenberg was an artist who often used the objects he found around him, or in his neighborhood, in his artworks.

Look for things around your house that could be used in your artwork. Can you find interesting and varied textures, colors, and surfaces?

IDEAS FOR EVERYDAY MATERIALS

- Recycled cardboard pieces
- Magazines
- Recycled paper/ junk mail
- Expired gift cards
- Scraps of fabric
- Buttons
- Plastic or metal bottle caps
- Wires, string, yarn

OTHER MATERIALS

- Liquid glue or glue sticks
- Tempera paint or acrylic paint
- A sturdy base: Cardboard or chipboard

INSTRUCTIONS

- Collage the items you found onto the base and adhere them with glue. Think about how the items can be layered, or come off the edges of the rectangle.
- Experiment with adding paint with tools other than a paintbrush, such as an old toothbrush, scraping it on with a gift card, or dripping it.