

Make your own *Stone River* - Inspired by Andy Goldsworthy

Andy Goldsworthy creates intriguing, site-specific land art that utilizes natural resources in completely unexpected ways. For this activity we will be looking closely at examples of his work and then going outside to try it for ourselves. Notice that Goldsworthy arranges natural objects in surprising ways. His sculpture demonstrates how artists use the **elements of art**: shape, line, form, color, space and texture to make art that surprises us. Many of his sculptures only exist in photographs. By creating his work outside, he knows that it will be reclaimed by nature.

Step-by-Step instructions

1. **Take a walk outside.** While you are walking, look down and notice the different textures, shapes and colors on the ground.
2. **Gather** and collect some natural objects for your art-making. Pick up only things that you know are safe to touch. Rocks, sticks, tree bark, pine cones, leaves and flowers are good choices.
3. **Look** for an interesting space outdoors to build your sculpture. You might try making a long snaking line that reminds you of *Stone River*.
4. **Think** about the **elements of art**: shape, color, line, form, and texture as you build your sculpture. Goldsworthy likes to make spirals and circles in addition to snaking lines.
5. **Observe** and wonder how your sculpture will change over time. What natural forces will cause it to change: wind, water, snow, or sun?
6. **View** - If you have a camera, take a few photos from different angles. Or, draw a picture of your sculpture in your sketchbook.



These short videos will help prepare you for this Second Sunday activity.

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