with the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Robert Klippel

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Artists love to create. They make drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and other things for us to look at. They use colours, patterns and shapes that make us feel all sorts of emotions.

Explore some of the artworks from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, become an artist and create your own wonderful artworks.

Look at these artworks by Australian artist Robert Klippel.
Robert Klippel loved to experiment. He enjoyed creating sculptures that mixed industrial shapes and machine parts with everyday objects and found materials. He played with scale, sometimes making huge sculptures for large public spaces and sometimes tiny ones no taller than your finger. He experimented with angles, colours, shapes and balance to make his sculptures look spectacular.

You will need:
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Coloured paper rectangles
- Paper for the background
- Your imagination!

Create your own spectacular sculptures influenced by Robert Klippel’s techniques.

Remember, you are the artist so you can decide the colours you will use, how many pieces will be in each sculpture and how they will balance.
1. Cut out some colourful cardboard shapes, then take some of the other materials and lay them out in front of you. Decide if you want matching colours, a mix of all the materials or just a small selection.

2. Start experimenting with the materials to see how you can connect them. Will you thread a chenille stem through a straw? Can you twist the stems, so they connect and balance?

3. Add more pieces and connect them by twisting, threading or using sticky tape until you have an arrangement you are happy with.

4. Play and experiment with more materials to create a new sculpture.

5. See what your sculptures look like when you combine them. Do you want to add even more shapes to your arrangement?

6. What about a sculpture that lies flat on the ground? The possibilities are endless, so have fun making your spectacular sculptures!