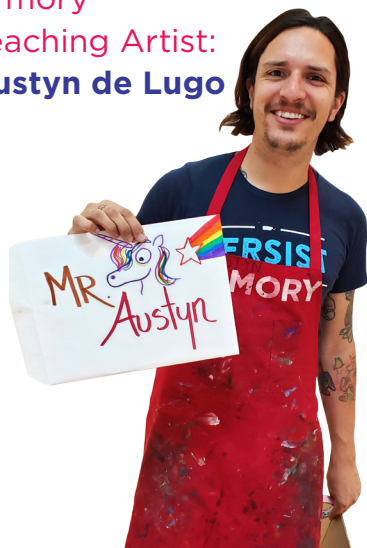




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Austyn de Lugo



This **Creature Construction** lesson comes to you from Armory faculty member Austyn de Lugo (he/him/él). Austyn works in collage, assemblage, textiles, and painting. His work is influenced by political portraiture, family photographs, floral photography, and decorative arts. Part of our faculty since 2017, Austyn teaches children's classes such as Colorific Collage, Animal Painting, and Drawing: Honing Your Skills.

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#ArmoryArtsChallenge: Creature Construction

Make a real or imaginary creature using **ONLY** materials you have in your home. Give it a name and back-story. Does it have hobbies or talents? What does it like to eat? What fun things is it doing while sheltering in place with its family?

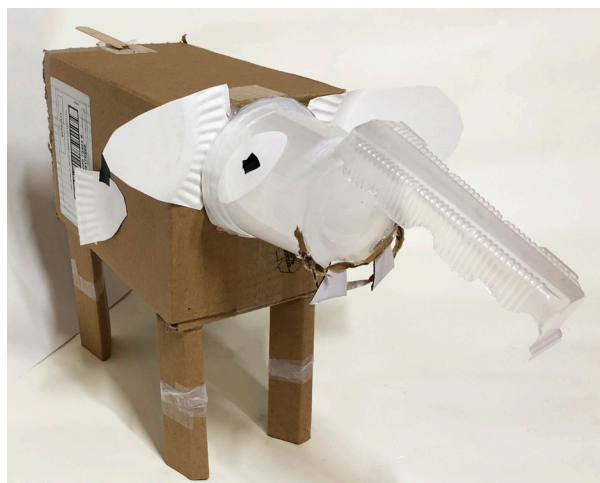
Materials & Ideas

Be extra creative and inventive. Use materials you might normally toss into the trash or recycle bin, like:

- Cardboard Cereal Boxes
- Coffee Filters
- Corks
- Fabric or Rags
- Egg Cartons
- Juice/Milk Cartons
- Laundry Detergent Bottles
- Paper Plates
- Popsicle Sticks
- String



If you have paint or markers at home, you can use them to decorate your creature, just don't buy anything new! Get creative by using what you have at home.





Before you start making your creature, ask your child (or yourself) the following questions about Elisabeth Higgins O'Connor's artwork:

- What do you see?
- What colors can you identify?
- What kinds of materials did the artist use to build her sculptures?
- What stories do you imagine when you look at these sculptures?
- What materials can you find in your home to create your own creature?

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Artist to Look At: **Elisabeth Higgins O'Connor**

Elisabeth Higgins O'Connor (b. 1963) is a Sacramento-based sculptor. She uses found domestic objects such as remnants of bedclothes, blankets, pillows, couch cushions, wood, quilting pins, Styrofoam, bedsheets, nails, and foam to create hulking sculptures inspired by mythology and natural history museum dioramas. Higgins O'Connor exhibited at Armory Center for the Arts as part of the 2009 *Stitches* exhibition.

- [Click Here to Watch a Video About the Artist \(3 mins\)](#)
- [Click Here to See More Pictures of the Artist's Work](#)



We Want to See What You Made!

Use the hashtag #ArmoryArtsChallenge when you share pics and videos of your Creature Construction. Share by Thursday, April 2nd and we'll feature our favorites the next day.