

Found Object I Spy Shadow Box



Inspired from the Toledo Museum of Art collection piece, *Sky Presence I* by Louise Nevelson, create your own found object shadow box and turn it into your very own I Spy game!

Supplies Needed:

- A box or box lid
- Discarded, misplaced, extra or found objects located throughout the house such as: coins, buttons, paper clips, lids, bottle caps, LEGO blocks, toy cars, puzzle and game pieces, old crayons and pencils, marker and pen caps, plastic cutlery, screws, nails, bolts, marbles, hair clips, seashells, small recycled containers, or ANYTHING ELSE you find in every nook and cranny of your house
- Glues such as: traditional school glue, tacky craft glue, or wood glue

Questions to consider:

- Where did you find these objects in your house? Where did they come from? What were they used for? Why have they been lost or discarded?
- What shapes and forms are your found objects?
- What textures do your found objects have?
- What types of patterns and designs are present on your found objects?

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Step 1:

Find any square or rectangular shaped box or box lid to use as the foundation of your Found Object I Spy Shadow Box.

Step 2:

Look all over your house for discarded objects to use in designing your own Found Object I Spy Shadow Box. Check under your couches and beds. Look in junk drawers and random boxes. Do you have a bag of missing toy and puzzle pieces anywhere in your house? Do any of your friends or family have a collection of random trinkets and tokens you could use for your shadow box?



Step 3:

Take the time to plot and place your found objects inside of your box or lid the way you seem fit. Try different displays and designs of your found objects until you find a way you like best. Can you build up, off or on certain found objects? Do you want all your found objects separate from one another? Would the shadow box look good if you randomly placed things in a big pile within the box?



Step 4:

Now that you have your Found Object I Spy Shadow Box plotted out, use various glues and adhesives to attach and bond everything you have compiled into place. Remember that some glues dry faster or slower than others and that some objects take and receive adhesives better or worse than others.

Step 5:

Now that your Found Object I Spy Shadow Box is dry and completed, compile a list of hints and clues about certain found objects, for your family and friends to find! Try using the elements of arts and principles of design to prompt and write your clues! Some examples are "Find 3 blue objects," or "How many organic and geometric forms do you see?"

