MOG CRAFT PROJECT: ASSEMBLAGE (ALL AGES)

Inspired by Richard Marquis: Keepers. American glass artist, Richard Marquis, frequently utilizes found objects like teapots, matches, and small toys in his work.

Assemblage is a work of art made by grouping found or unrelated objects. In this activity, you will use your imagination to reexamine everyday objects and pair them with each other in unexpected ways. Use glue to arrange these pieces on a cardboard backing, like a collage. Get creative by using different elements to create moveable parts, patterns, texture, and visual interest.

MATERIALS:

• Found objects that are small and lightweight (ex. shells, buttons, small rocks, puzzle pieces, magazine pictures, beads, corks, items with personal significance, etc.)
• A sturdy backing to glue your found objects onto (this can be cardboard, a shoe box lid, or even another found object, like a repurposed picture frame)
• Some type of adhesive: clear glue works best for cardboard base; glue gun or stronger adhesive may be necessary for more complex projects
• Scissors, paper punch, paper cutter
• Wire, paper clips, paper fasteners
• Paint, markers, crayons, colored pencils (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Lay the pieces out on your backing to create your design.
2. Once everything is in place, build, assemble, and glue objects to each other and the backing piece.
3. If desired, add color and additional design elements using paint, markers, or other art supplies (optional).
4. Dry the project completely.