Barton Lidice Benes
Tools in Print

In this activity we’ll be using Barton Benes process of paper-macheing found objects to create our own work of art!

Materials:
• Newspaper
• Cardboard
• Glue
• Water
• Bowl
• Popsicle stick
• Items from around your house
• Hot glue gun

Instructions:
1. If you’re using a cereal box, cut one side of the box off so that the box is open.
2. Mix your paper-mache glue by adding 1 part glue and 1 part water into a bowl and stirring well using your popsicle stick.
3. Paper-mache the inside of your box, or if you’re using cardboard, one side of the cardboard.
4. Set that aside and wait for it to dry.
5. Grab the objects you want to use in this work and paper-mache each of those. Set them aside to dry.
6. Once your objects are dry, grab your hot glue gun and a parent or guardian for help.
7. Arrange your objects in a pleasing composition, then one-by-one glue them in place.
8. Step back and admire your masterpiece!