



# BOISE ART MUSEUM ART IN THE PARK

# Marketplace

Inspired by the BAM exhibition  
*Mirage: Energy, Water and Creativity  
in the Great Basin*



## What are earthworks?



**Earthworks** are artworks made with natural materials in the place where the materials were found. Often earthworks are in difficult to reach landscapes, like *The Spiral Jetty* (above) by Robert Smithson, which is in the Great Salt Lake. Earthworks change over time in the environment. *The Spiral Jetty* was underwater for several years. Now, after years of drought, the black basalt rocks are above water and covered in white salt because of being submerged in salt water for so long.

Robert Smithson, *Spiral Jetty*, 1970. © Holt/Smithson Foundation and Dia Art Foundation/Licensed by VAGA at Artists Rights Society (ARS), NY. Photo: George Steinmetz

## Make your own earthwork using:

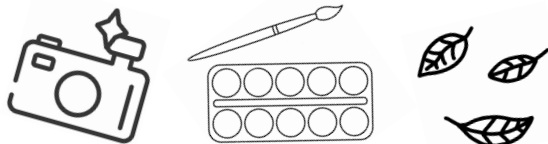
- small bag or container for collecting
- found objects + natural materials

1. Walk through an outdoor space near your home and gather objects – look for leaves, petals, pebbles, grasses, and more.



2. Arrange your collected objects. You do not have to use everything you collected, and you may find you need to go gather more objects. If possible, build your earthwork in the same area in which you are collecting materials.

3. Now that you have made your own earthwork, photograph it, sketch it, paint it, and leave it outside for someone to observe and maybe add to!



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