

Create an Animal Sculpture Inspired by Deborah Butterfield

What do you think this horse is made of?

- A. Sticks
- B. Bronze
- C. Paper

Answer: B. Bronze



Hoku, 2001, Deborah Butterfield, KIA Collection

Deborah Butterfield is an American sculptor who has always loved horses, even when she was a child. In fact, she used to get in trouble because she was drawing horses all of the time! Horses fill Butterfield with wonder and inspire her to create sculptures that look like they are made of sticks, but are actually made of metal. She paints the metal to look like wood.

Can you create an animal that you are inspired by using only sticks, leaves, grass, and flowers?

2D Challenge: Create your animal on a flat surface—it will be like drawing with sticks!

3D Challenge: Create an animal that can stand on its own. Try and find materials that will balance together, or use a natural material like mud or sap to act as “glue”.

2D Example



3D Example



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