

## “Altered Book Sculptures”



**Objective:** Create an altered book sculpture that incorporates found objects.

### Materials

- Books to be repurposed
- X-ACTO Knives and Scissors
- Glue
- Found Objects

### Motivation

- Show students examples of altered books.
- Discuss the possibilities of the sculptural techniques available with books.
- Begin brainstorming what is possible when incorporating found objects into an altered book sculpture.

### Step 1: Research and Sketch

Have students look at different examples of altered books, begin brainstorming ideas, and think about how to incorporate found objects within their sculptures. You may want to look at artists such as Susan Sironi, Brian Dettmer, and Lisa Kokin. Have students sketch out a few possible ideas.

### Step 2: Experiment and Create Form

Students should spend time experimenting with the possibilities available when creating forms from paper. This will allow them to see what can be made with the pages of the book and how these forms can be incorporated with their found objects.

### Step 3: Add Materials and Construct

When forms and objects have been decided upon, it is time to construct. Make sure students are thinking “in the round,” and that the sculpture is visually appealing from all sides. Use glue as needed to make the forms and objects permanent.

**Tip:** Books for this project can almost always be found for free. Check your school library and English department for books that will be discarded. You can also ask public libraries or used bookstores, or even have students bring in old books from home.