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## Zero Waste Sculpture Inspired by Acquaetta Williams

Acquaetta Williams works in a variety of art forms, including glass and found object assemblage. Through her art, Williams explores the rich history of African American women as well as her own identity and story. The vessel below combines her work in glass blowing with found objects to create a striking sculptural piece. Give new life to some of your own found objects by creating a sculptural art piece inspired by Williams' work.



**Acquaetta Williams**  
*Cut Vessel*, 1989  
Glass, enamel paint,  
and found rock  
8 1/2 x 13 x 4 inches  
Racine Art Museum,  
Gift of Michael L.  
and Anne Brody in  
Honor of Judith and  
Stanton Brody  
Photo: Jon Bolton

### Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Plastic wrap
- Colored permanent markers
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Old costume jewelry, beads, or other found objects
- String
- Tape



**Instructions:**

1. Choose the shape you want to make your sculpture and draw it out on the cardboard. Make sure to create a hollow shape to achieve a translucent, glass-like look.
2. Cut the shape out of your cardboard.
3. Cut two long triangles out of cardboard and create notches in the slanted sides. These will create your stand. Set aside.
4. Wrap your cardboard shape in plastic wrap and secure with clear tape on the back.
5. Use colored permanent markers to add color to the plastic wrap. Set aside.
6. Create embellishments by stringing old beads from broken jewelry, leftover crafts, or even old keychains. Just be sure to check with an adult before reusing something you find around the house.
7. Punch holes in your sculpture base wherever you want to tie on the embellishments. Alternatively, you can tape the string onto your sculpture for a similar effect.
8. Slide the sculpture into the notches of your two cardboard triangles. Now your sculpture should stand up by itself!

