



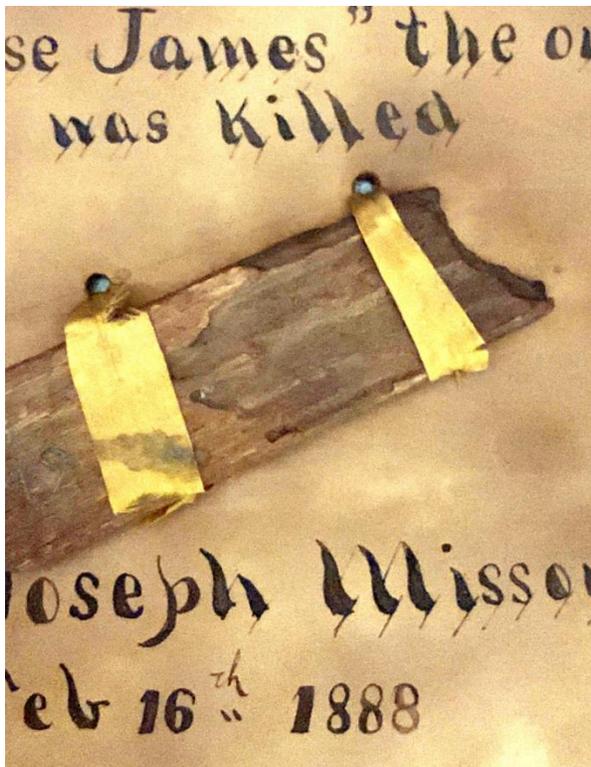
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Digital Weekends: *Collecting Reimagined: A 2D Curiosity Cabinet*

*Tip: Read this whole lesson plan before you start so you understand how the activity will evolve.

THINGS WE COLLECT:

[Collecting Reimagined: A 2D Curiosity Cabinet](#) was a multimedia exhibition that opened at the Bruce Museum in December 2019 and was on view in the Bantle Lecture Gallery through March 2020. We hope you had the chance to see it! *Collecting Reimagined* explored the ways people in the 16th and 17th centuries collected objects from all around the world. Collections varied vastly based on the collector. Therefore, this exhibition included a variety of objects, from leaves to minerals, all in one room. *Collecting Reimagined* showed that collecting these objects was important because it paved the way to the creation of museums.



Fragment from the Room Where Jesse James was Shot (1888)
Lath on Board.
Gift of OG Palmer.
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VOCABULARY:

Collecting: an accumulation of objects gathered for study, comparison, exhibition, or as a hobby.

Cabinet of Curiosity: Cabinets of curiosities were notable collections of objects. The term cabinet originally described a room rather than a piece of furniture. Popular starting in the sixteenth century, these collection became the foundation for modern museums.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

Visit this description of the exhibition: [Collecting Reimagined: A 2D Curiosity Cabinet](#)



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MATERIALS:

- Cardboard boxes
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Glue (glue stick or hot glue gun)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Additional decorating tools (stickers, crayons, paint, colored paper)

DIRECTIONS:

PREP:

Ask an adult to help you find the materials listed above. If you don't have something listed, get creative and use something else around your house. Some other items you can use might include a tape, shoe box, and liquid glue. Make sure to clear a space where you and an adult can do this activity.

STEP 1:

Begin by collecting objects for your cabinet. Look closely at the image above of *Fragment from the Room Where Jesse James was Shot*, which shows a piece of the wall from the place where the legendary bank robber was killed by one of his accomplices. Think about objects you might collect. Some suggested items include seashells, leaves, or even magnets! Use the link provided above to help with inspiration, if needed.

STEP 2:

Watch teaching artist Grayson Kennedy as she creates her own cabinet of curiosities. If you want to create your own version, ask an adult for help with googling images of other cabinets for inspiration. Once you have a plan for your cabinet, you are ready to get started.

STEP 3:

Start by getting the cardboard box you are going to use, a piece of scrap paper, and a pencil. The box can be a shoe box, cereal box, shipping box, or any other type of box you have. Measure the width, length, and height of the box. Write down the measurements.

STEP 4:

Using additional cardboard, like cardboard from a pasta box that has been pulled apart, draw and cut the appropriate width and length of shelves you want to add to your cabinet. Make sure the cardboard you use is relatively the same size if possible. If you find your cardboard is too thick to cut on your own, ask an adult for help.

STEP 5:

Plan the positions of where you want to place your shelves. Mark where the shelves will go on the box where you would like them. You will add them after the next step.



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STEP 6:

Decorate the inside of your box, or cabinet, before you glue in the shelves. You can color, paint, or add any decorations you see fit. You can also decorate your shelves.

STEP 7:

Now you will glue in your shelves! While teaching artist Grayson uses hot glue for her cabinet, you can use what you have. If you have a glue stick or liquid glue, it will take longer to dry, so you will need to take a break after this step. You can also use tape to secure your shelves. Hint: You can use glue and tape together!

STEP 8:

Your cabinet may be built, but it isn't complete. Time to add your curiosities, or your personal collection. Once it is finished, share your cabinet with your friends and family. You and your adult can also share your cabinet with our hashtag #Brucemuseum online, too!

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