

CREATE WITH THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM

Coffee Filter Sculptures



INSPIRED BY

Dale Chihuly, *Boat Installation*, 2001

In June 1995, while working in Finland, Chihuly tossed into the water some of his individual glass forms to let them float downstream. When he saw local children putting them in their small wooden rowboats, he was inspired to create this artwork.

Boat Installation features multiple glass forms that look like they are overflowing out of the wooden boat. Look closely. What shapes can you find in this artwork?



DIRECTIONS

1. Gather your supplies. You will need coffee filters, watercolor paint or washable markers, spray starch, and different forms on which to dry your coffee filters.
2. Begin by painting or drawing different colors on coffee filter. Remember that your colors will mix and blend when you apply the spray starch.
3. Once complete, coat thoroughly with spray starch—the coffee filter should feel wet. This will allow the coffee filter to keep its shape.
4. Gently shape your coffee filter and lay over your form to dry.
5. Once dry, remove from form. Try making multiple shapes and combine them using glue or string to create a dynamic sculpture of your own!

