



CRAFT IN AMERICA

WHO INSPIRES YOU? EDUCATION GUIDE

Worksheet 2: Inspiration and Meaning

"Both of my parents were artists. I think my own work falls in between the influences between both of them." - Alison Saar

Making and Inspiration

1. List some family or community members who make things. They may make cakes, videos, embroidery or other kinds of needlework, boats, as well as paintings or pottery, for example.
2. How did these family or community members learn to make what they make?
3. What are the sources of their inspiration?
4. What kinds of things have you made in the past? Who taught you how to make these things? What has inspired you in your own artmaking?

Objects, Materials, and Meaning

1. Identify one object that has special meaning to you. What is the object? Why does it have personal meaning?
2. Name a material—wood, clay, paper, cardboard, plastic, metal, fabric, fur, silk, for example.
3. Brainstorm a list of words—descriptive and expressive—that “fit” the material you named.
4. How might an object or material have meaning?

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