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DESIGNING CHANGE X GIRLS GARAGE

MECHANICAL THINKING COLLECTION

GIRLS GARAGE

MCD @ HOME

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Girls Garage wants you to get in the garage...and craft studio, and kitchen, and beyond! Whether you're inspired by the mechanical implements of *MOTO MMXX*, or have been spending your quarantine getting more familiar with the craft of cooking, your house is undoubtedly home to a plethora of functional objects, tools, and utensils. Use Richard Serra's famous list of verbs as a guide, and there might even be a prize for you at the end!

RECOMMENDED AGE/SKILL LEVEL:

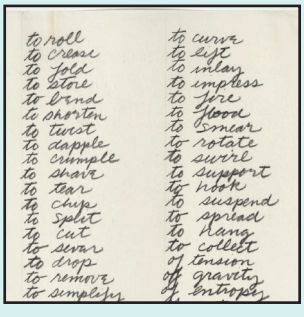
Recommended for 7+ with adult supervision.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Household tools
- Richard Serra's *Verblist* (1967-68)
- Digital camera
- Instagram app

INSTRUCTIONS

- Access Verblist above, or reference our transcript of the list at the end of this document.
  - Do any of the verbs immediately bring any particular tools to mind?
  - Are there any verbs you have to look up or think about for a bit?



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- Visit various rooms in your home and begin collecting tools. Consider unlikely spaces and tools you haven't used before.
- Try to find at least 10 objects that correlate with the list.
  - What additional tools can you find? What would their verbs be?

- Take all of the tools you've gathered and think about how you might arrange them in an organized collection.
- *TIP*: Check out Jim Golden's artful arrangements, or the Girls Garage tool wall for inspiration:

- Lay the tools out in a way that makes visual sense to you:
  - By size?
  - By color?
  - By room in the house?
  - What is your background?

OPTIONAL: Label each tool with the corresponding verb on a strip of paper.

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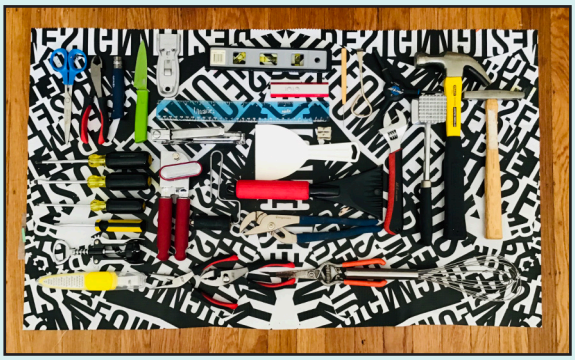
- Take a photo from above:



MCD & Girls Garage Giveaway!

- Post on Instagram between August 20–September 3, 2020
  Tag @museumofcraftanddesign, @_girlsgarage #MCDatHome #mcddesigningchange
- You will be entered into MCD's online Instagram drawing
- The winner of the drawing will receive a copy of the newly released book *Girls Garage: How to Use Any Tool, Tackle Any Project, and Build the World You Want to See!*

Transcript of Verblist:

- To roll
- To crease
- To fold
- To store
- To bend
- To shorten
- To twist
- To dapple
- To crumple
- To shave
- To tear
- To chip
- To split
- To cut
- To sever
- To drop
- To remove
- To simplify
- To differ
- To disarrange
- To open
- To mix
- To splash
- To knot
- To spill
- To droop
- To flow
- To curve
- To lift
- To inlay
- To impress
- To fire
- To flood

Continued transcript of Verblist:

- To smear
- To rotate
- To swirl
- To support
- To hook
- To suspend
- To spread
- To hang
- To collect
- Of tension
- Of gravity
- Of entropy
- Of nature
- Of grouping
- Of layering
- Of felting
- To grasp
- To tighten
- To bundle
- To heap
- To gather

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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