

Craft Kit #34: Time Capsule

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Bob Hawks
Celebrating 100 Years
of Life: Bob Hawks

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Who is Bob Hawks?

Bob Hawks is a retired commercial photographer and a current woodworker. He was born in 1920, which means his is celebrating 100 years of life! Let's look at some of his artwork before we craft our time capsules.

- Commercial photographers are paid to take photographs for companies to use for their advertising or publications. When you look at Hawks' photos, what kind businesses do you think hired him?
- What might be different about taking photographs for a company instead of for your own art?
- After watching [this interview of Bob Hawks](#), what stands out to you?

This photo is of the Tulsa Centennial Parade. When was Tulsa's 100th birthday? Can you recognize any of the buildings?

What do you notice about this parade? How has Tulsa changed since then? Is anything the same?



When Bob Hawks started working as a photographer, all photos had to be developed from film, and were only in black and white. He says he had to study how to use color film when it became available.

For an artists, what might be some challenges of going from black and white to color?





Can you guess where Bob Hawks took this photo?

Hawks spent 40 years taking photos. Why do you think it was important to him for this image to be included in the exhibition?

Native American Child in Ceremonial Dress
at Crow Fair

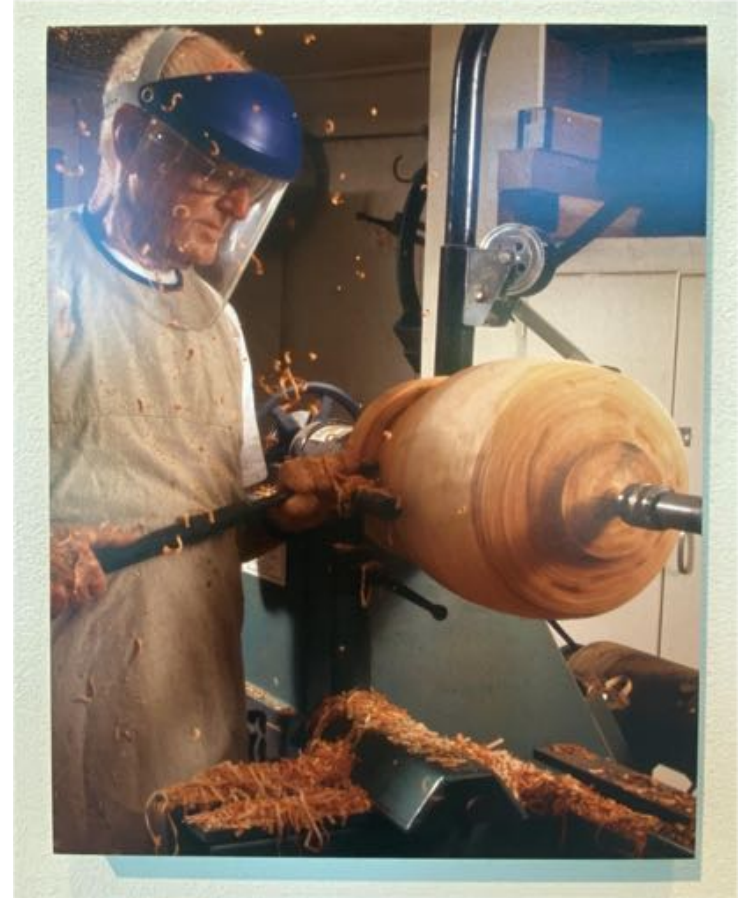
What is woodturning?

Wood turning is a method of carving objects from a block of wood. The main equipment is a lathe, a machine that rapidly spins a piece of wood along a single axis or multiple axes. The artist presses different cutting tools into the wood as it spins to create designs.

Wood turners can create bowls and vases, tools, and many other kinds of objects.

Historians think the first lathes came from Egypt, around 300 BCE.

Can you think of any other art forms that use equipment to spin materials?



Here is Bob Hawks working at a lathe. What stands out to you about this photo?

Did you know that some trees only grow in small regions? Black Desert Ironwood is rare in the United States. Bob Hawks brought the wood back from travel to the Sonora Desert in the 1980s. Desert Ironwood is extremely sturdy, which also means that it's hard to carve or turn on a lathe. Hawks say it takes a lot of patience and attention to turn desert ironwood.

What do you think the artist should charge for one vessel?
How did you reach that number?



This piece is called
“World Series Score.”
Can you tell which
World Series score
inspired Bob Hawks to
make this vessel?

If you didn't know the
title, how would you
decode this message?
What code would you
write to remember a
special event?





Many farmers planted Bois d'Arc trees (also known as Osage Orange) as fences before barbed wire was invented because the trees grow thorny and dense! Hawks grew up on a farm where his chores included trimming the Bois d'Arc fence with a hatchet. He says he has a “love-hate” relationship with it.

Osage hunters were known to make bows with this types of wood, hence the name. (Bois d'Arc means “wood of bows” in French)

Most woodturners think that Bois d'Arc is too difficult to use. Why might Bob Hawks choose to use it to make so many pieces?

Time Capsule Step-by-Step Instructions

Celebrating 100 Years of Life: Bob Hawks is an exhibition that captures moments in time. People, places, and moments in time are represented in photos and in wooden vessels.

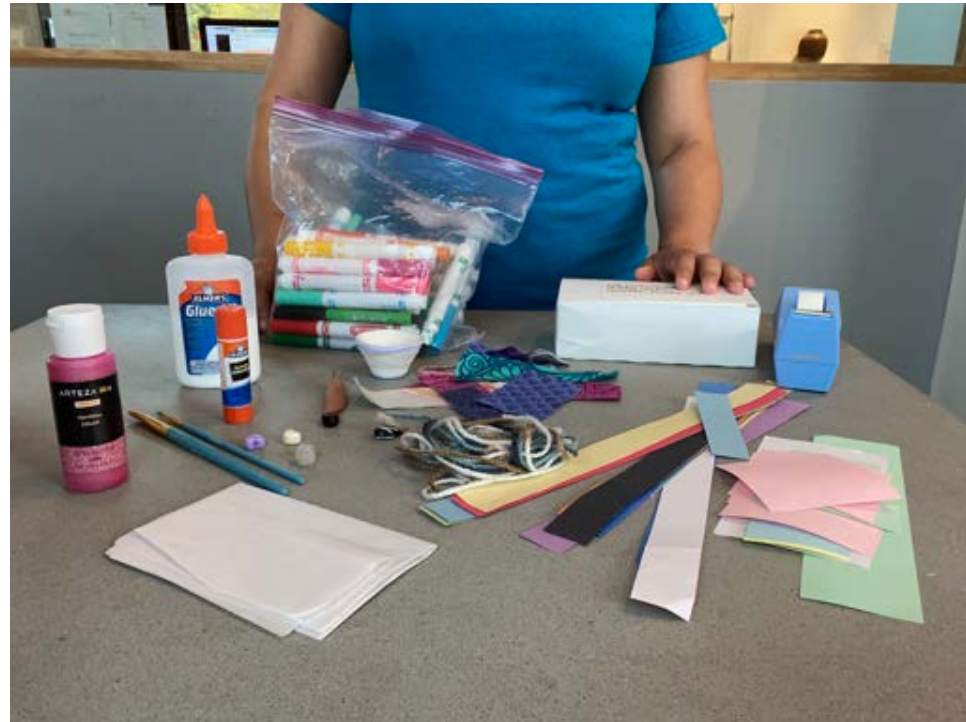
Let's create a time capsule of our lives so far!

Materials

You'll need:

- Small box or container
- Tape or glue
- Pen or pencil
- Paint/crayons/decorating material
- Tiny treasures—you can make some; we'll give you some tips!

There are many ways to make a time capsule, so we're going to show you two versions from the 108 Contemporary staff. You can follow our guidelines or make your own!



Step One: Prepare the Capsule

- You can use any clean cardboard box or plastic bottle for your capsule.
- Laurel found a small empty box. She used tape to make the bottom of the box sturdier.



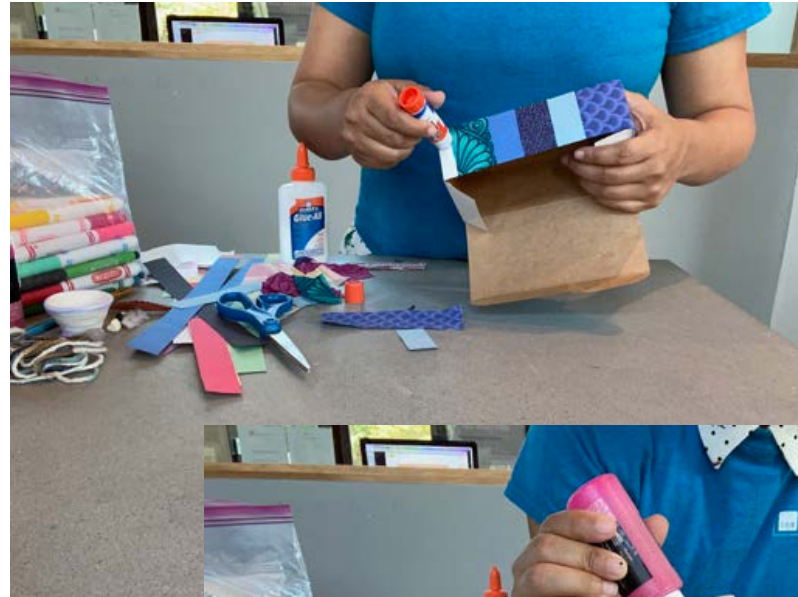
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- Tessa also found a small cardboard box. It was sturdy enough that she didn't need to reinforce it.



Step Two: Decorate Your Capsule

- Laurel glued fabric and paper scraps to the outside of her box. She added some paint to give it extra pizzazz.



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- Tessa used different colors of tape to decorate her capsule. She used scissors to cut out different shapes in the tape as well.



Step Three: Fill the Capsule

- Let's fill our time capsules. We used a combination of found objects and things we made.

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Inspiration: Celebration

- What represents a happy moment?



Step Three: Fill the Capsule

Inspiration: Travel

- What represents a place you visited?



Step Three: Fill the Capsule

Inspiration: Loved Ones

- What represents an important person in your life?



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Inspiration: Achievement

- What represents something you're proud of?



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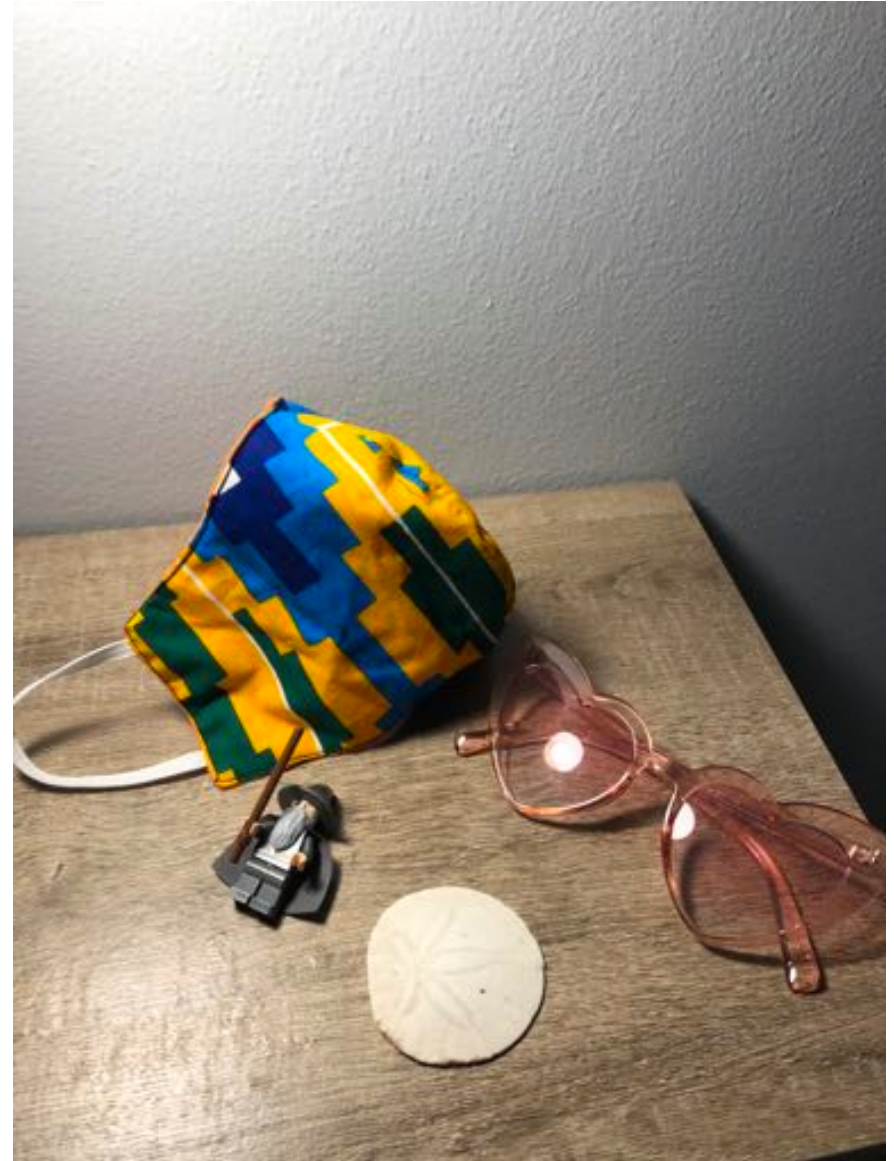
Inspiration: Love-Hate

- What represents something you have a love-hate relationship with?



Step Three: Fill the Capsule

- Tessa included different items to remind her future self of what life was like in 2020.



Step Four: Seal the Capsule

- Before you store your capsule, be sure that it is sealed shut!



You Did It!

Share your creations
with the
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Set a reminder to open your
time capsule in the future.
How long will you wait?



Other Resources

- Visit [108 Contemporary.org](http://108Contemporary.org) for more craft kits.
- Watch a demonstration of different types of woodturning from the International Wood Culture Society.
<https://vimeo.com/169483247>
- Learn woodturning from the Northeastern Oklahoma Wood Turners Association <http://www.neowta.com/>