

# BE THE ARTIST

## Betye Saar and Sheroes



Betye Saar is a contemporary assemblage artist who lives in California. She tells visual stories with her art and is an accomplished printmaker. Assemblage art is made with three-dimensional objects, although sometimes just parts of objects are used to make a new object. She finds objects for her assemblages on her walks and uses items that have been passed down through her family. Art is so integrated into Betye's life that she says there was no difference between being a mother and being an artist, that it's all the same. With Betye's art in mind, make a shero. A shero is a hero/heroine who fights for human rights. Who is your shero?

### Supplies

- Object that can be used as a body to build your shero
- Yarn, string, felt, photos from magazines, paper, fabric, or small toys or objects you no longer want
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue, wire, or string



### Instructions

- Consider both the objects you will use and the shero you want to create. You can first collect a bunch of items that are no longer wanted from around your house, then look at what you have collected and decide who your shero is going to be and what their superpowers are. Or, you can first think about your shero's superpower, then collect items (make sure they are okay to use).
- Start gluing, cutting, and wiring objects together.
- Draw your shero and glue the items on the drawing, making a collage.



### Want to create more?

You could make other sheros with other superpowers. Or make clothing for your shero so they can change their superpowers.

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