Activity Guide

Explore Quilts & Wood

WORDturning

Many of the exquisite wood objects in *Explorations in Wood* are made using a lathe. A lathe is a machine that spins the wood and allows the artist to carve, gouge, and shape it much like a potter uses a pottery wheel. This process is called woodturning.

Turn the letters in the words below into puzzle solutions. Challenge yourself to find additional words.

**Mahogany**
- a tropical fruit
- a sailor’s greeting
- a stretching exercise

**Sycamore**
- a city’s leader
- a rash soother
- a startled yell

**Maple**
- a tall-building jump
- a bell’s voice
- a noontime ritual

BONUS: Find artworks made from mahogany, sycamore, and maple.

Butch Smuts, *Out of Africa*, 2004
To describe a quilt, what words could you use? Fabric? Layers? Stitch? Design?

Wild Fabrications quilts are art quilts – typically created more for beauty than usefulness. The materials used in these quilts include fabric, thread, buttons, paint, photographs, stones, commercially printed textiles, used cracker boxes, and ink. Some are not stitched but give the illusion of stitches. All are made by layering materials and all depict animals, whether real or imagined.

Look at Two Creatures. Try to guess what materials were pieced together and layered.