

# Sketchbook #3 - Scratch!

## Unit 2: Non-functional Forms

### Sculpture

**symbol:** a thing that represents or stands for something else, especially a material object representing something abstract.

“We want our artists to take the mundane materials of our lives, run it through their imaginations, and surprise us.” - Twyla Tharp

Artists use symbolism alllllll the time. Objects are used to symbolize larger ideas, events, or thoughts.

A simple mirror may represent an artist's struggle with body image and self-acceptance. A white dove might make an appearance to symbolize peace. The examples could go on and on. Of course, the symbolic meaning of an object is more clearly understood depending on when, where, how, and why it is used. For the viewer to fully understand an artist's symbolic intent it is helpful to have a hint that leads the viewer in the right direction.

To start this project off I don't want you to worry about the material quite yet.

We first need to come up with our inspiration and to do that we are going to scratch (remember that term??). This portion of the idea gathering is purely going to come from your interests. You have a little more freedom, which means some more self-guided idea gathering on your part.

You need to choose...

- An object, an actual thing/item that symbolizes something
- A quote that will help to guide the viewer in their understanding of what that item symbolizes

To do this you will...

1. Choose one of the following places to find your inspiration. Choose something you're passionate about and interested in! It will help the rest of the process come more easily.
  - Current Event
  - Song Lyric
  - Literature
  - Movie/Film/Theater
2. Identify an object/thing/item within your piece of inspiration that has strong symbolic meaning.
3. Choose a quote that helps to clarify that item's symbolic meaning.

Example:

1. Inspiration: Beauty and the Beast
2. Object: Rose
3. Quote: “She warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within.”

I need **three** separate ideas. This can be either **three** different pieces of inspiration with **three** different objects and quotes OR **one** piece of inspiration with **three** different objects and quotes.

You get the point... three separate ideas.

I know this is a slightly bigger ask, but I also know this is a challenge you can all rise to. We're giving your work deeper meaning and this meaning stems from your passions and interests. If you have an idea that is outside of these parameters, I'm all ears 😊