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?
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:

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• 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

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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

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