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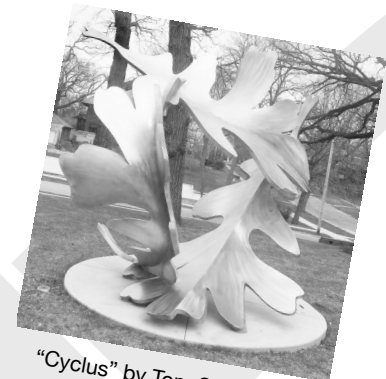
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Cyclus Inspired Sculptures

“Cyclus” is the latin root of “cycle.” This suggests the sculptural rotational composition of the leaves and reflects the natural cycle leaves follow from spring to winter. Three stainless steel oak leaves stand, connect and rotate with one another.

The Blanden Memorial Art Museum is located in the Historic Oak Hill District of Fort Dodge, a city on the Des Moines River settled in the 1850s and developed as a mining, agricultural and commercial center of Webster County.



“Cyclus” by Tom Stancliffe.

Step 1: A detailed video tutorial is available at www.blander.org/online-educational-resources

Step 2: Print out pages 2 or 3, or mix the sizes and print both. Page 2 features oak leaves that are smaller, but work better for making large sculptures. Page 3 features oak leaves that are larger, and easier to cut, but smaller sculptures work better for this size. Depending on how large you want your sculpture you might want to print out anywhere from 1 to 100 pages. A heavier paper like cardstock or thin cardboard works better for strength, but printer paper is also an option.

Step 3: Cut the oak leaves out, and cut on the dashed lines for connecting them.

Step 4: Color the oak leaves on both sides. You can use crayons, colored pencils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, glue glitter, spray paint, markers, etc. Get creative and have fun with it!

Step 5: Fold each oak leaf along the center line.

Step 6: Play! You can now start assembling the oak leaves in various configurations. The key here is play. Put them together, take them apart, and repeat!

Step 7: Tada! Great job!!

Additional Online Resources & Activities:

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