

SUSPEND

Inspired by Maskull Lasserre's exhibition *Immovable Objects, Unstoppable Force*, shape an object that blurs the lines between gallery space, artist's tools, and the artwork itself.

Maskull Lasserre has said that, when he holds something, he's not sure yet if it's a tool or a piece of art. *Immovable Objects, Unstoppable Force* explores the intersection of process and product and of the grey areas between tools and what they craft. Maskull Lasserre's tools often become part of the sculptures themselves.

Is this a tool or AN artwork?

- 1 The artist believes that there is modesty and humility in carving. From a pencil at school to a fork at dinner, in this activity we invite you to think about the tools you use every day. There are many tools we use on a regular day that we don't even think about as a tool. What kind of tool would you like to carve?
- 2 Choose either one or two different colours of plasticine.
- 3 Using the plasticine tools provided, start by carving out the basic form of the tool you have in mind.

- 4 Once you have carved the basic form of your tool, look through the supplies on the table and see what other materials would be useful to create your tool-like object.
- 5 Maskull Lasserre intends to challenge us by placing unexpected contrasting elements which create surprises. He likes to pose the question whether his objects are a tool or a sculpture. He intends to make art more accessible by leaving it open to both literal interpretation and deeper meaning.
- 6 Using the clothes pins, twine or rubber bands provided, assemble your object by connecting the different materials.
- 7 Try to think of ways your object would have a curious, unexpected element to it that would be very surprising to find within it and may question the meaning of your object.
- 8 Look at your object. Does your piece look like an everyday tool or does it look like a sculpture? Do you think it needs something else added to it or taken away to be surprising?
- 9 When you are happy with your object, place it in the sculpture park or take it home and share it with your family and friends. Enjoy!

