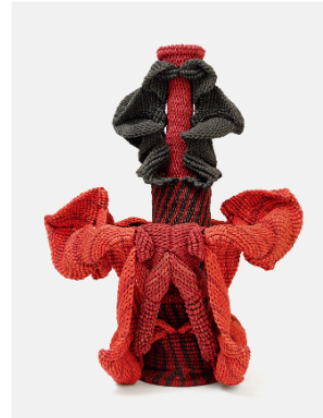


WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Mrinalini Mukherjee

ARTIST INTRO:

Mrinalini Mukherjee (b. 1949) was an Indian sculptor that took inspiration from nature and the knowledge she gained from the world around her. Best known for her abstract fiber sculptures made with hemp and dye as well as some bronze and ceramics later in life. She worked intuitively and laboriously with her hands creating a unique, unconventional style that was rooted in traditional craft with a modern spin. Her career spanned over four decades (from the 1970s to the 2000s) and Mrinalini's sculptures still command a powerful presence today.

ARTWORK:



WORKSHOP:

Let's take inspiration from the world around us and create sculptures inspired by artist Mrinalini Mukherjee!

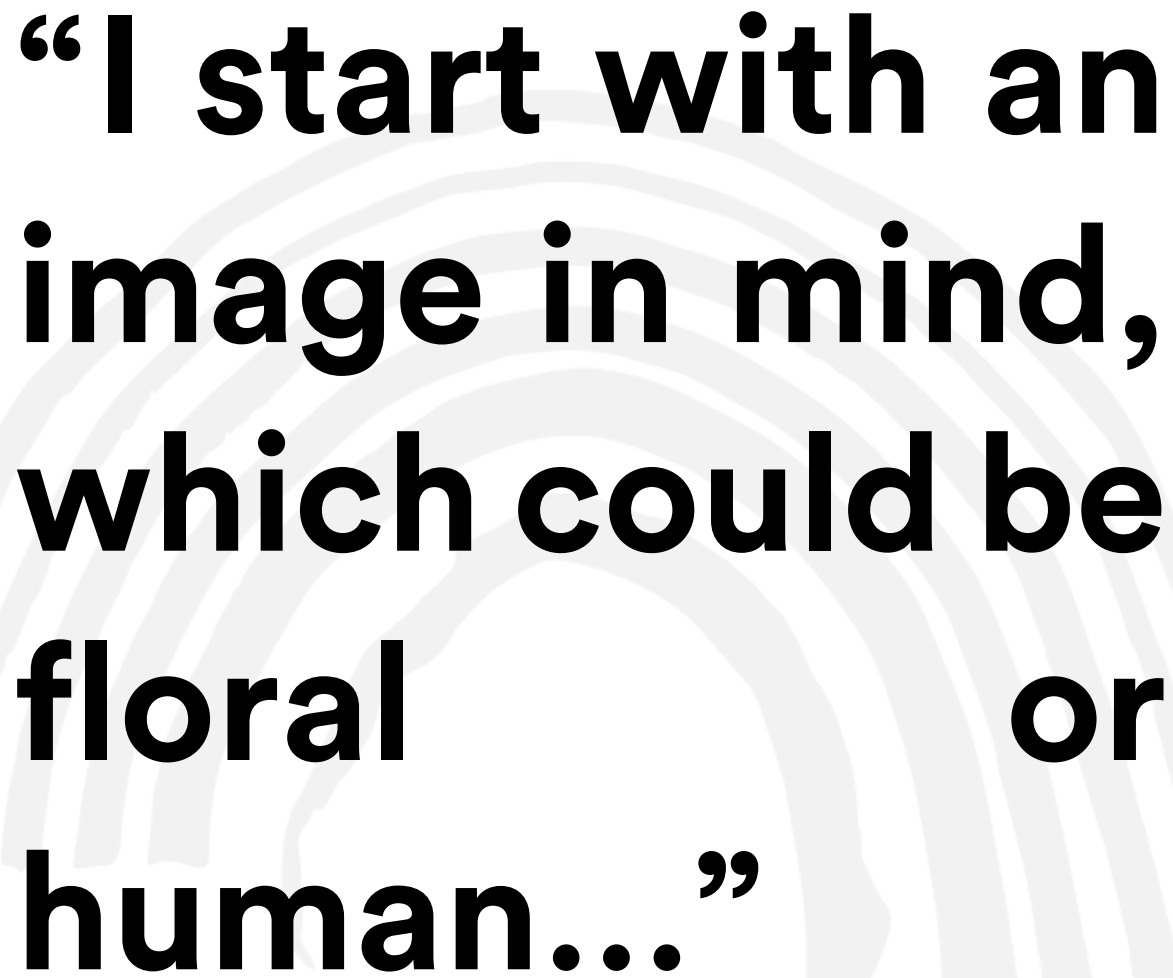
1. Take look outside at nature or at the people around you
2. Focus on one *image* or idea that inspires you
3. Take your pipe cleaners and start with that image in mind
4. Shape, sculpt, weave, knot, and build your sculpture based on that *image*
5. Once your satisfied with your sculpture share it and your inspiration with your friends, family, and fellow students!

MATERIALS:

- Pipe Cleaners
- Inspiration from nature!



**Mrinalini Mukherjee Black Devi, 1980,
Dyed hemp, 101 x 34 x 9 in (257x86x23 cm)**



**“I start with an
image in mind,
which could be
floral or
human...”**

**- Mrinalini
Mukherjee**

FOLLOW UP:

Where do you find your inspiration?

What image came to mind?

How did you start your sculpture with that image?

Did your sculpture turn out the way you thought it would?

Why or why not?

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