

Artwork of the Week

Woven Branch Circular Arch

Andy Goldsworthy

(1956-)



Andy Goldsworthy is a sculptor, photographer, and environmentalist who produces site-specific sculptures and land art situated in natural and urban settings.

He grew up near Leeds and Harrogate. From the age of 13, he worked on farms as a labourer. He has likened the repetitive quality of farm tasks to the routine of making sculpture: "A lot of my work is like picking potatoes; you have to get into the rhythm of it." He studied fine art at Bradford College of Art from 1974 to 1975.

The materials used in Goldsworthy's art often include brightly coloured flowers, icicles, leaves, mud, pinecones, snow, stone, twigs, and thorns. He has been quoted as saying, "I think it's incredibly brave to be working with flowers and leaves and petals. But I have to: I can't edit the materials I work with. My remit is to work with nature as a whole."



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Reflection

How do you think the artist created this piece?

Describe the lines in this artwork

Why do you think this artist created this work?

How do you think the artist was feeling when he created this artwork?

