Cynthia Holmes
(American)

*Primal Donna (Venus Anishinabe)*
1993–94
birchbark, found object, sinew; three units, largest is 9” x 12” x 10”
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The Anishinabe people have used birchbark to make functional containers for centuries. These sculptures are modern forms created from this traditional material found in nature. What would these forms hold?

In the artist’s words: "My hope is to be a catalyst; encouraging others to re-define how they view themselves and the world around them."
Can you think of other natural materials an artist could use to create a work of art?