Abe Ajay
(American)

Polychrome Wood Relief No. 212
1964
wood, found objects, paint, 31” x 72”
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Ajay often used found objects to create his works of art. He found things like wooden cigar molds, knobs, dowels, and geometric blocks in surplus stores in New York City. Out of these simple pieces, he made complex and highly structured collages.

Look around your own house! Find the textured paper around your house. Check the recyling bin for corrugated cardboard on boxes, light bulb wrappers, bubble wrap, and paper plates. Cut your materials into a variety of shapes. Fit the pieces together and move them around until you find a composition you like. Secure with glue stick.