



Transcript

Heidi Darr-Hope-Collections & Inspirations

Hope: I have been collecting objects since I was, uh, a kid, since I was a kid. And even when I wasn't using the objects in my artwork directly, I had to have them around. I always, on my honeymoon, I came back with seedpods and rocks. I've just always been a collector. So it was really fabulous when I figured out, uh, I could put these in my artwork.

So it's fun, because then you can collect old jewelry. Um, I love milagros. Um, let me show you. Milagros is also from my travels. And milagros in Spanish simply means "small prayer or miracle." And they're these wonderful little charms, and they come, um, in different body parts and different positions. And the tradition is, like this one is a key, the tradition is that before you go into a house of prayer, you would pick a symbol that represented what you wanted to pray for or what you wanted to bring into your life. And it can either be really specific like they're legs, like leg, like, like my foot hurts. My foot hurts or I broke my foot, or I'm afraid to walk into the next stage of my life.

Down here, in these drawers, I've got, um, see, I've got all this jewelry, all this stuff. Peach pits. You can use anything. The bugs are just great. And the bugs, a lot of times, the bugs go.. Um, where's this really cool one? Look at this one. This one I found in the airport on the tarmac in the Bahamas.

So I feel that they're, um...everything in the world represents something. So if we just be quiet and pay attention to what crosses our path, we can learn something from the natural world as well as the human-made world.

For an artist, your whole life feeds you. Every day feeds you. You know, from the most routine thing, you never know where you're going to find inspiration. It doesn't have to be off in some exotic land. I mean, you can. I mean a lot of the work that I do with collage, I'm inspired by my mail-order catalogs that come and the beautiful images that are in there. [Laughs.] You know, so it's really, you know, every, everything if you just look at it with a different eye.

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