This ceramic sculpture by Viola Frey is made out of clay. Clay is a natural material made up of tiny particles of rock that you can find in the ground. When baked in a kiln or clay oven, it becomes hard. Earthenware is a type of clay.

Esther Williams and Deborah Kerr at Pool by Viola Frey, 1975, earthenware

The collection of decorative arts, craft, and design at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, focuses on works of extraordinary craftsmanship and originality made from the 17th to the 21st century. The diversity of design is shown through both handcrafted and industrially produced objects.

The Museum is now considered one of the leading American collecting institutions of craft and design. The works of modern and contemporary decorative arts are international in scope and include furniture, tableware, jewelry, and objects made from wood, ceramics, glass, metal, textiles/fiber, plastics, and other materials.
# Drawing Warm-ups

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<td>Draw a piece of jewelry made out of <em>unusual</em> materials.</td>
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<td>Draw a lamp that has multiple light bulbs.</td>
<td>Design a jacket you would wear to a party.</td>
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Jacket by Franco Moschino, 1995–96, wool, cotton embroidery, plastic, metallic thread, metal, and polyester felt
Take a Seat

Clockwise from top:

Armchair, Model 41 by Alvar Aalto, 1934–39, laminated birch plywood;
Bone Rocker by Joris Laarman, 2008, black marble and resin;
Monumentino da Casa by Alessandro Mendini, 1974, wood and tape

Which chair looks the most comfortable for you?

What would your dream chair look like?
This necklace by Kiff Slemmons is made out of some unusual materials not usually used in jewelry. Do you recognize any of the materials used in this necklace? Write down some of the materials you see.

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Could you design something similar using things from your desk, school bag, or your home? What found materials would you use?

The title of this artwork is Protection. Why do you think the artist called it that? What would you name your piece of jewelry?

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Connect the Dots

The wheels on the *Super Lamp* go round and round. Pull this lamp wherever you need light!

*Super Lamp* by Martine Bedin, 1978, fiberglass, enamel, steel, rubber, and 40-watt incandescent bulbs
Down:
1. ceramic artist
2. a clay oven
3. something decorative to wear on your body
4. something to wear when it's cold outside
5. art made from things you find and did not buy
6. something to sit in
8. something to light up a room

Across:
5. art made from things you find and did not buy
6. something to sit in
7. art-making material that comes from the ground