

# Serge Attukwei Clottey

## The Displaced

The Displaced (2015) is a filmed performance that took place on the beach in Accra, Ghana, with members of the artist's GoLokal collective. Through the film, the artist explores his family's ancestral migration from Bukom to Labadi (both towns along the Atlantic Coast in Accra belonging to the Ga State) aboard a canoe on the ocean. The film depicts his family preparing for their journey and the boat is seen travelling on waves crowded with plastic waste. The artist hopes that his work will lead to a greater connection with the crisis facing our oceans and our shared responsibility to take action.

### Did you know?

Clottey has developed an artistic approach called *Afrogallonism*, which addresses the issue of consumerism through the use of yellow gallon containers. These were originally used to import cooking oil to Ghana from the West and are now commonly used by households to store water. The discarded containers have created a serious environmental problem and Clottey repurposes these in his work to highlight the crisis.



## Activity

# Mask of our Times

For World Oceans Day 2020, Serge Attukwei Clottey shows us how to create a mask from found objects. Watch the film he prepared to accompany this activity: [www.the-line.org/events/world-oceans-day-2020/](http://www.the-line.org/events/world-oceans-day-2020/)

### Step 1

Cut the base off an empty milk carton and take care of any sharp edges. Cut around the handle and lid, as shown in the diagram on the right, and cut a slit into the neck of the carton on either side of the handle.

### Step 2

Remove the lid and hold the handle up-side-down so that the mouth of the carton is below the handle. This is the basic structure of your mask. Don't worry that it doesn't hold its shape on its own!

### Step 3

Cut out four cardboard rectangles (a brightly coloured cereal box works well, but any junk cardboard will do) and position two on either side of the mask.

### Step 4

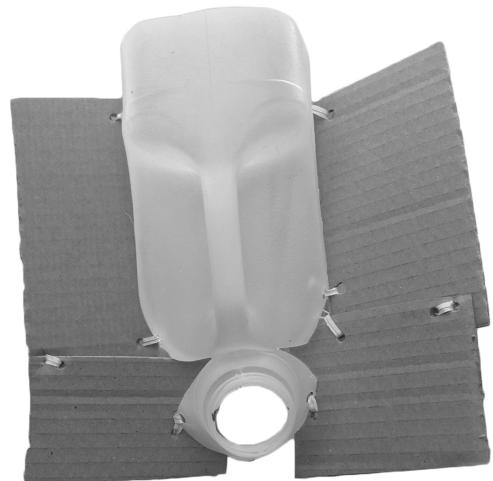
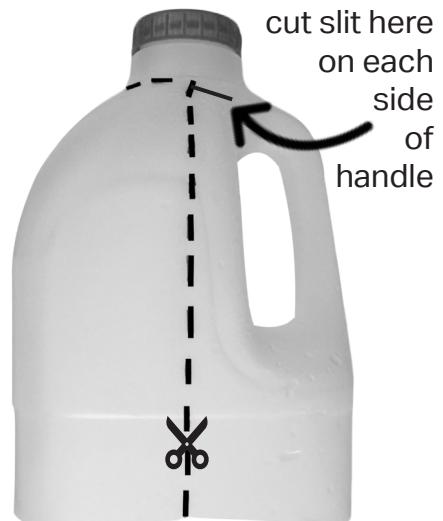
Use a hole punch to make holes along the long edges of your mask and the cardboard rectangles. The holes in the mask and the cardboard should line up so that you can join them together. Don't worry if you end up with more holes than you need!

### Step 5

Thread food ties, wire or string through the holes to attach the cardboard to the mask. Remember to join the cardboard pieces together too, as this gives the mask its structure.

## What you will need

- Empty milk carton (4 pint size works best)
- Cardboard e.g. old cereal box
- Food ties / garden wire / string
- Scissors
- Hole punch



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