

## ACTIVITY GUIDE

### Michael Sweere – Mosaic Artist

#### **Writing/Essay/Journal**

After 20 years of working in the advertising world for food companies, Michael Sweere began creating art out of the recycled packaging as a way to spend time with his young son. When he created a cool mosaic in just an hour, he realized that with thought and time he could do much more, and he eventually switched careers to pursue art fulltime.

Write about a time when you realized you had the potential to do more with an idea you had. What was the final product?



#### **Activity**

Michael made his first mosaic with his young son using a cut up cereal box. Although it was laid out abstractly, Michael's son identified an image of a rabbit jumping out of a hole.

Create your own abstract mosaic using recycled food packaging. Share your finished piece with your classmates and see if you can see actual images in each other's abstract work.