

# Art A Day

CHALLENGE: Beautiful Traditions

## Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE

**Stuff you'll need:** Read through the challenge to decide...the materials you use are up to you!

**Traditions:** the transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation, or the fact of being passed on in this way (Oxford dictionary).

**LOOK** at the jewelry and head piece that were made in Tibet. Often, **traditional** Tibet ornaments and jewelry includes rings, bracelets, and necklaces, made of red and yellow coral, Tibetan carnelian, yak bones, Tibetan silver, Tibetan copper, turquoise and other natural materials joined together with yak-hide string. The most common Tibetan ornaments are broad and delicately designed silver bracelets, peacock-blue yak-boned necklaces inlaid with turquoise, and dangling earrings made of red coral and Tibetan silver (Tibetravel.org).

Many times exceptional jewelry and headpieces, like this example, were created just for special ceremonies, religion, beliefs, and rituals. Coral, was thought to be especially important because Tibet was so far from the sea. Jewelry and headpieces like this must have been worn for something really special!

**THINK** about how you might dress differently for special occasions. Think about the **traditions** in your family or a culture that you connect with. What is something you wear to show respect for a special day, for a belief, or for a special person? Think about the people in your family that are the oldest. Do they wear something special or unique for certain days, for religious purposes, to remember someone that has passed, or for celebrations? Is there a piece of jewelry or type of clothing that seems important?

**MAKE**, draw, or recreate something you wear, or something someone you know wears for special occasions, ceremonies, celebrations, memorials, or another tradition. For example, maybe your grandmother wears a special hat on Sundays. Highlight a **tradition** that you will never forget!

**Writing Extension:** Write about what it means to you to wear this special item (or what it means to see someone special wear the item). How do you feel when you see it or touch it? When did you realize it was special?



Unknown maker  
(Tibetan)

*Tibetan head ornaments  
and jewelry*

Metal/Stone/Pearl

Gift of Mrs. Anna Brugh  
Singer, 1949

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