

Statues of Longwood Activity



Longwood Gardens has fun animal statues scattered throughout the Gardens. Learn a little bit about our favorites, then follow the activities to create your own garden sculpture and piece together jigsaw puzzles.

Did you Know?

Longwood features over 100 whimsical animal statues throughout our gardens! Some of the statues at Longwood are more than 100 years old! Each statue adds a special feeling to the area in which it is placed. You can see animals of all sizes, shapes, and colors.



This fish sits on the side of a beautiful Italian marble fountain found in the Peirce-du Pont House Conservatory. It was a wedding gift for Pierre and Alice du Pont, and was installed in 1916!



This is the Turtle Pool located in the Main Fountain Garden and features four limestone spouting turtles. In this area you will also find two lifelike figure sculptures that were originally crafted in Vicenza, Italy between 1932 and 1935.



This cast iron snake is a copy of the original that Pierre du Pont found when he purchased the property in 1906. This iron snake is about 100 years old! You can find it in the Peirce du Pont House.



This bird figure can be found on the Whispering Bench located at the east end of the Flower Garden Walk. It has been there since 1913!



This is called the foo dog, a traditional Chinese architectural ornament representing a guardian lion. Longwood has two foo dogs that were acquired in 1967 and can be found guarding the entrance to the Topiary Garden.



This is called the Drooling Dragon. It can be found in the indoor Children's Garden inside the Conservatory and has been there since 2007.

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Make Your Own Turtle Statue



Materials:

- 1 cup coffee grinds (K-cup grinds work just fine)
- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup salt
- ¼ cup any color art sand
- ¾ cup water (as needed)
- Large mixing bowl
- Spoon
- Butter knife
- Wax paper if needed

Directions:

1. Measure all ingredients and place in large mixing bowl.



2. Use the spoon to mix dry ingredients.
3. Add water slowly, mixing as you add the water. You want the dough to be the consistency of pizza dough.
4. Use your hands to form a ball. The ball should be stiff. Add more salt and flour if the mixture is too wet. Divide the ball into two parts.



5. Roll one ball on a smooth surface or wax paper. Press with your hand and flatten to create the turtle body.
6. Next, take the second ball and divide it into four small balls of equal size and one ball for the head.



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7. Attach the head to the turtle body and smooth in with your fingers.
- 8.. Attach the four legs to the turtle body and smooth in with your fingers.
9. Use a knife to create lines on the turtle's back.
10. Use your pinky finger to make two eyes and a mouth on your turtle head.
11. Place your turtle statue in a sunny place. This will require a few days to dry completely.
12. Once dry, your turtle can be placed in a garden location for all to enjoy!

Option: The dough can be used to make other statues. Be creative!



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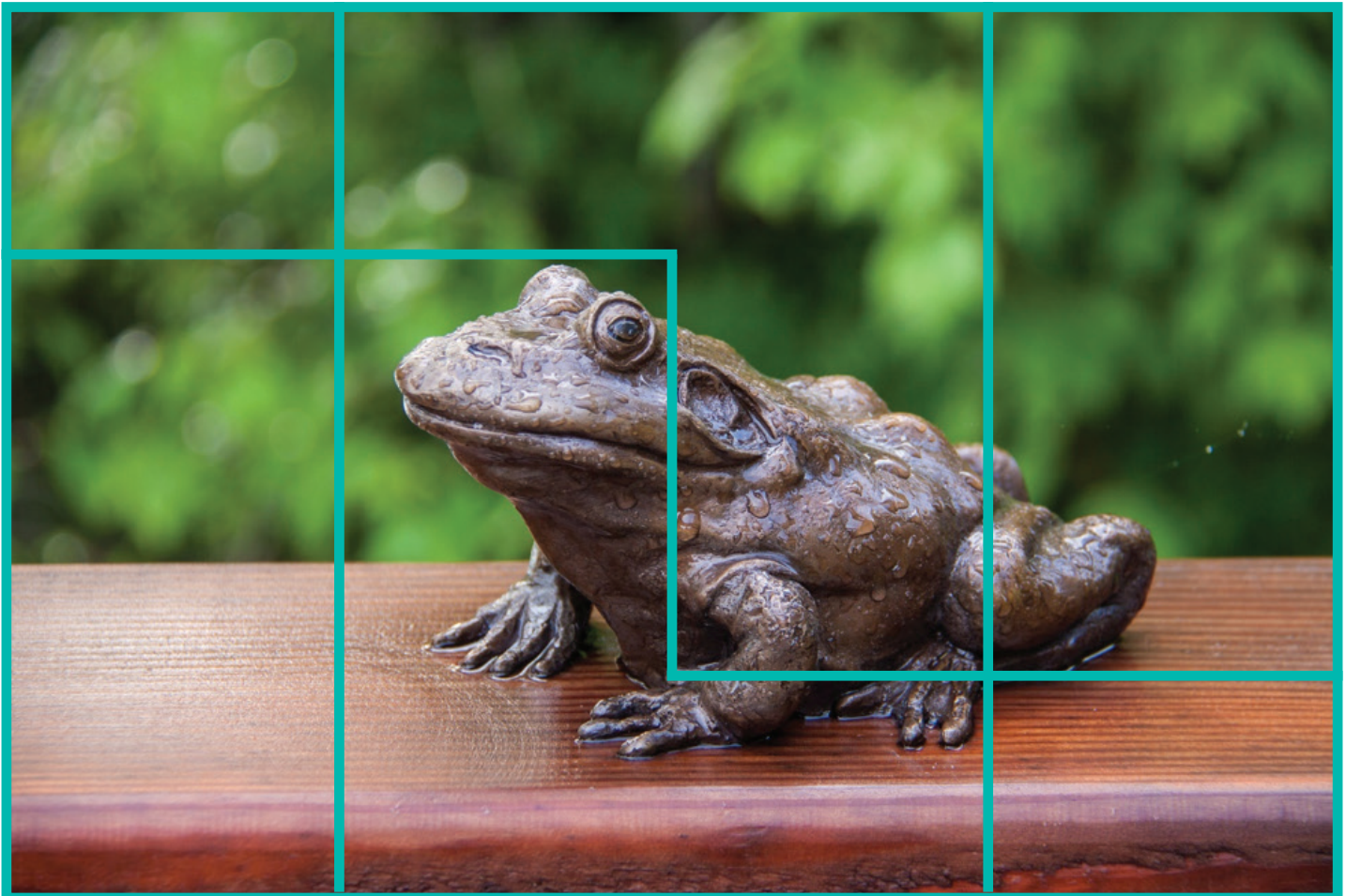
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Hands-On Statue Puzzles



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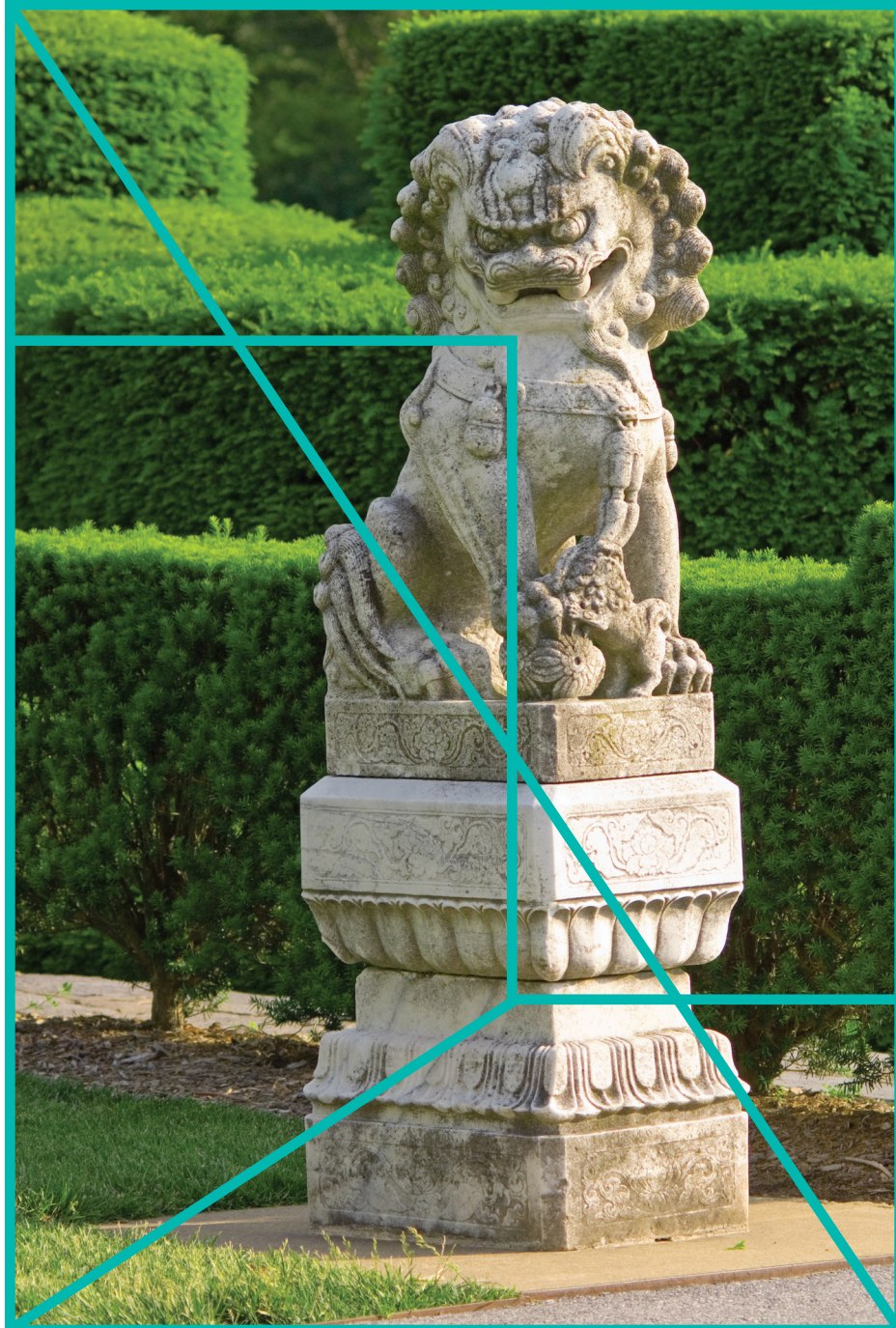
Print the puzzle images on paper at home. Cut on the lines to create a fun puzzle for kids. Just cut and put together!



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