This month’s scavenger hunt takes place in the online exhibition for Elias Sime: Tightrope on Google Arts & Culture. Look closely at this stitched artwork, and you will notice that all those small black marks are actually ants! Create a drawing with a different insect, such as a butterfly, bee, or grasshopper.

Notice that this artwork is made up of reclaimed electronic components. Elias Sime collects all kinds of objects and materials that normally would be thrown away such as the insides of computers, electrical wire, and computer keyboards, and he assembles them together to create his artwork. An assemblage is a piece of art created by grouping together found objects.

Elias Sime’s assemblages explore how technology helps to connect people, but how it also creates a large amount of electronic waste and has a negative impact on the environment. What types of materials and objects do you recycle or throw away that could be used to make artwork?

In the past decade (10 years), Elias Sime has researched and explored the work of local Ethiopian artists. He is inspired by the work of ceramists and admires their artistic talent, which you can see in this installation of clay pots representing people turned upside down. These pots all have a similar shape, but if you look closely, you will see differences in the details, symbolizing people’s uniqueness as individuals.