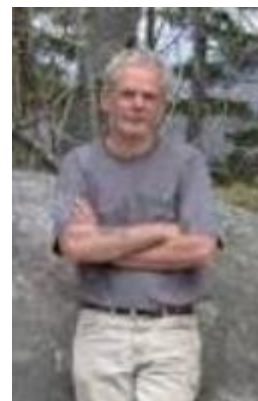


## Andy Goldsworthy

### 🎨 What Does Andy Goldsworthy Create?

Andy Goldsworthy is a **land artist** who makes beautiful and surprising art from **natural things** like leaves, ice, stones, twigs, and flowers. He often creates his work **outdoors in nature**, using what he finds around him. His art sometimes lasts only a few hours before the wind, rain or sun changes it!



### 👦 Childhood

- Andy Goldsworthy was born on **26 July 1956** in Cheshire, England.
- He grew up in **Harrogate, Yorkshire**, surrounded by countryside.
- As a teenager, he worked on local farms—planting, lifting potatoes, and working with animals.
- This outdoor work helped him notice patterns and changes in nature.
- He often spent time **walking in fields, woods, and rivers**, observing how the natural world changed over time.
- He said the physical work on farms helped prepare him to be an artist who works with his hands and body.
- Even as a child, he enjoyed making things out of natural objects like leaves and stones.

### 🎓 Education

- Andy Goldsworthy studied **art at Bradford College of Art** between 1974 and 1975.
- He then studied at **Preston Polytechnic** from 1975 to 1978, where he specialised in sculpture.
- During his studies, he became more interested in making art **outside the studio**.
- He began experimenting with **natural materials**, like stones and leaves, rather than traditional art tools.

- His tutors encouraged his creativity, even though his work was very different from other students’.
- He learned to photograph his outdoor artworks so that they could be remembered after they disappeared.
- While studying, he also explored ideas about **time, weather, and change**, which became important in his art.

## Career

- Andy Goldsworthy makes art outdoors, using only what he finds around him.
- His work has been shown all over the world.
- He has created big public artworks and land art installations.
- He is also a photographer—he takes pictures of his art before it disappears.
- He won the **OBE** (Order of the British Empire) for services to art.
- He often works in places like forests, beaches, and fields.
- He made a famous film called *Rivers and Tides* about his work.

## Quotes from Andy Goldsworthy

“I think it’s incredibly brave to be working with flowers, leaves, and petals.”

“Each work grows, stays, decays. Process and decay are implicit.”

“My art is an attempt to reach beyond the surface appearance. I want to see growth in wood, time in stone.”

“I want to understand that state of mind where you can be truly amazed by the world.”

*“It’s not about art, it’s about life and the need to understand it.”*

**Icicle Star** - A star shape made of icicles



**Rowan Leaves and Hole** - A ring of bright red leaves with a black hole in the middle



**Rain Shadows**

– He lies down in the rain and gets up to leave a dry shape behind



**Stone River** – A long winding sculpture made of broken stone in California

