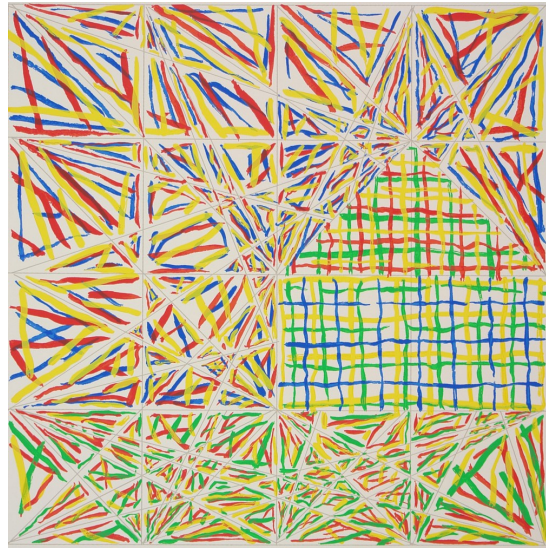


FUN WITH LINES

A line is a dot that went for a walk



Derrick Buisch, **Green Creature**, 2017, acrylic and oil on canvas, Oscar N. & Ethel K. Allen Memorial Endowment Fund purchase 2017.11.



Jennifer Bartlett, **16 Square Grid**, 2003, screenprint, Gift of Richard E. Brock, 2009.34.1.

Did you know that artists use “blocks” to produce art? Known as the elements of art, they are the building blocks which artists use to communicate. The most basic element of art is line and as you can see here, basic lines can become vibrant works of art! Take a close look at these two art-works—how are they alike? How are they different?

LOOK

Take a look around your house and see how many different lines you can find. Try this activity in your backyard or on a walk with your family through the neighborhood. Are some lines easier to find than others? What happens when a line bends?

MAKE

Write the following words on scraps of paper: lazy, silly, happy, angry, excited, sleepy, sad, bubbly, hyper, and loud. Put the scraps of paper in a bowl and mix them up. Pick a piece of paper and read your word. Next, use lines to illustrate the word you chose. What does a lazy line look like? A happy line? How many new lines can you create?

DO

Stand in front of a mirror and try bending your body to make different lines. Do wiggly bodies make wiggly lines? Can you make a zig zag line using only your arms? Sit, stand, or lay down to do this, but please be careful!



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WAVY LINE

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SWIRLY OR CURVY LINE

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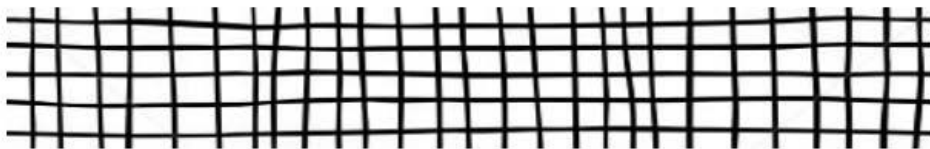
STRAIGHT LINE

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ZIG ZAG LINE

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DOTTED LINE

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CRISS CROSS LINES

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DASHED LINE



Lines, lines are everywhere! Search your home and check off which lines you find!
Were some lines easier to find than others? Did you find lines in surprising places?