

Art is everywhere

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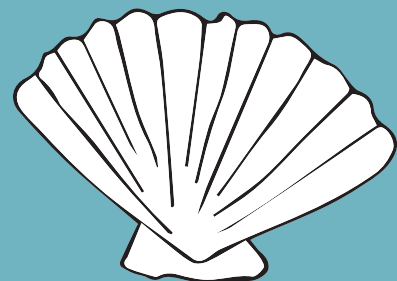
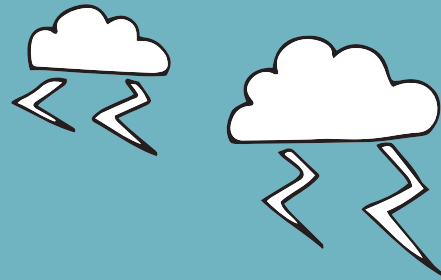
Curious Things

Hello!

Here at the Museum of Contemporary Art we want to connect with amazing students just like you! We hope you enjoy these activities as a reminder that art can be found and enjoyed anywhere and everywhere, not just inside a gallery or museum. On the last page you will find some example artworks that I created. I really can't wait to see what you come up with!

If you are using a computer to view these activities, make sure to grab a notebook or paper and a pencil to write and draw your responses before you start.

From,
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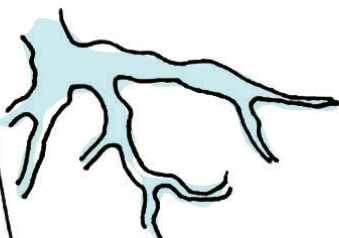
Draw what is above you



Draw what is around you



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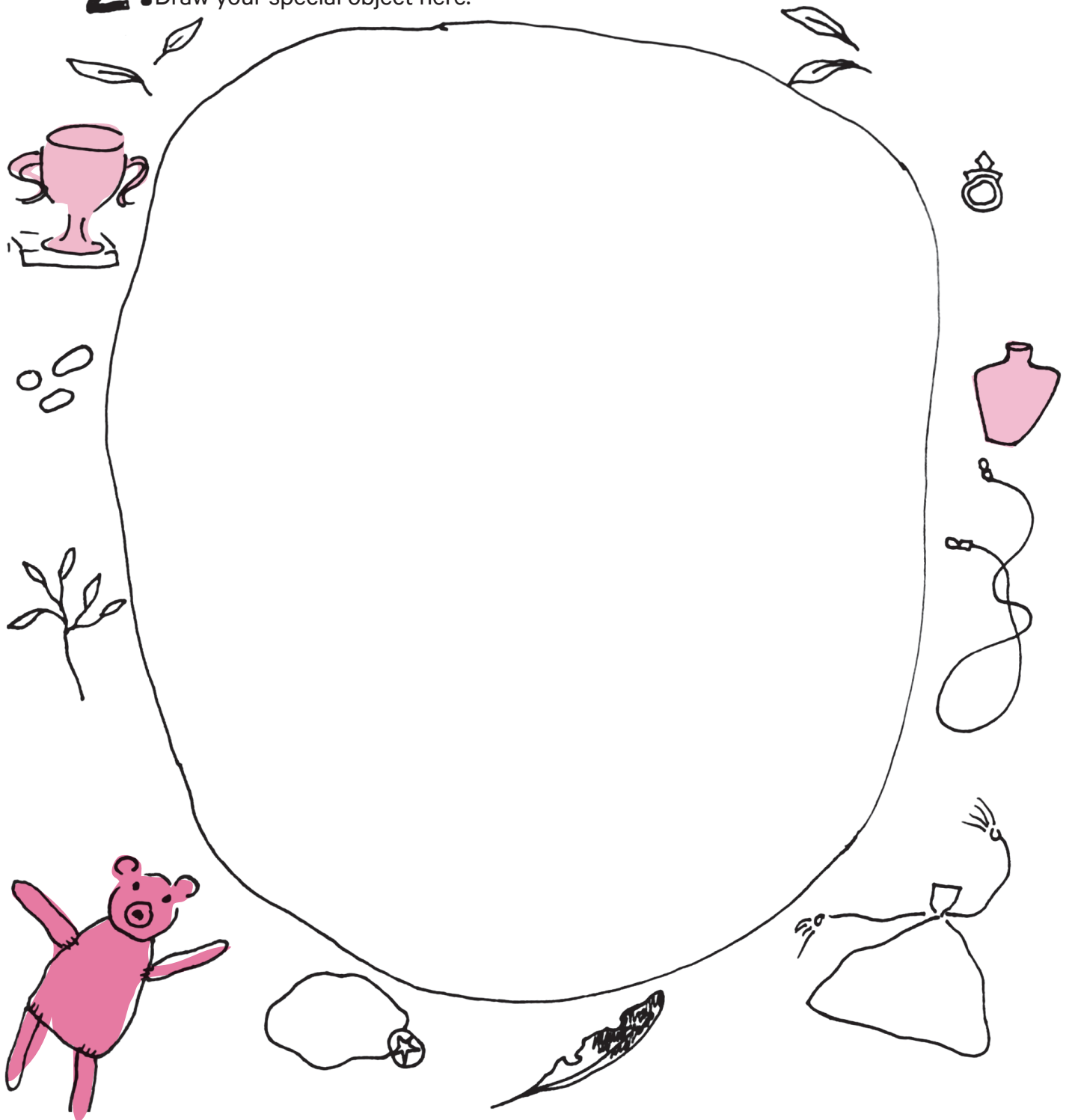
All these things are part of the land, sky and waterways of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islands Nation or Country you are on. It's important to know whose land you're on. If you're not sure, take some time to find out. Once you find out, write it down here:

Object Memory

Some artists like to use special objects in their artworks. Objects can hold memories.

1. Look around you to find a special object that holds a special memory. What does this object remind you of? A holiday? A place? A person you care about?

2. Draw your special object here:



Tip: If you are not at home, close your eyes and bring this special object to mind. What does it look like?

3.

It's time to tell your special object memory. You can draw or write it here:



Tip: Remember you can reveal as much or as little as you like. Some things don't need to be shared and can remain a secret!



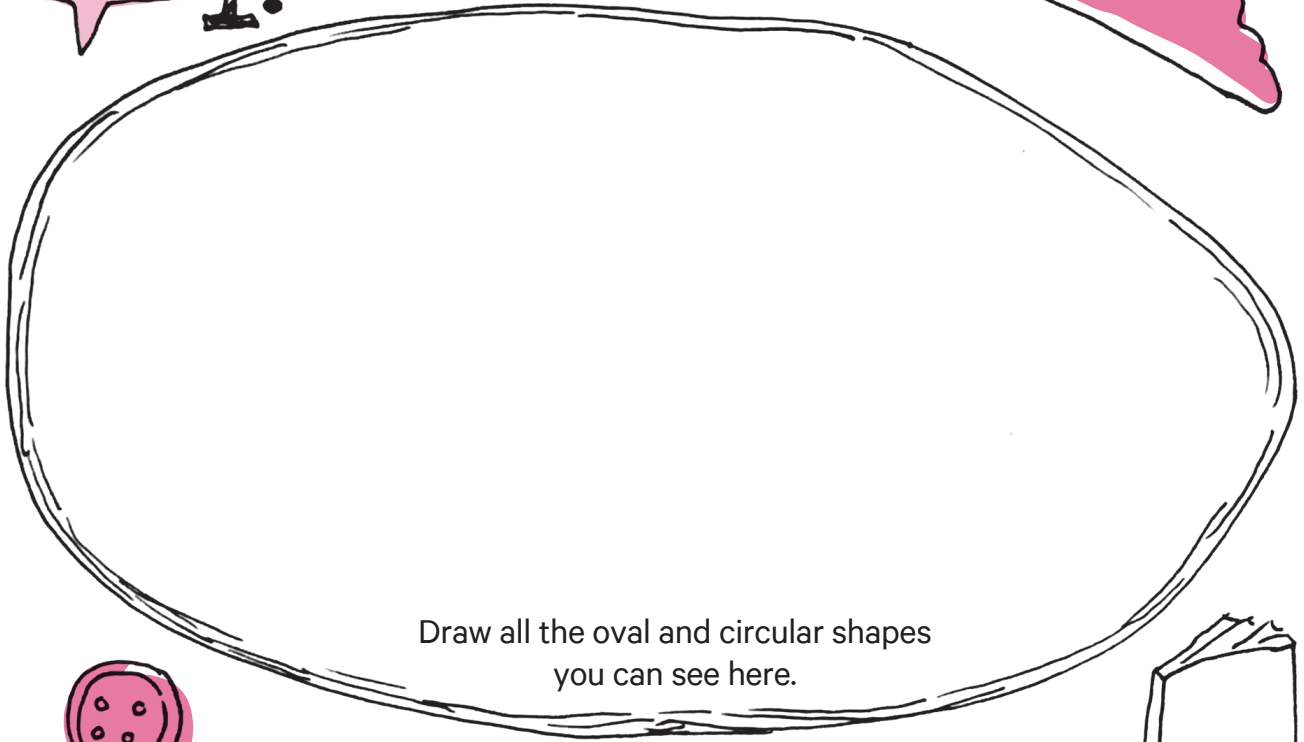
Shape Collector

Look around you. Look high, look low, and start noticing all the shapes around you.

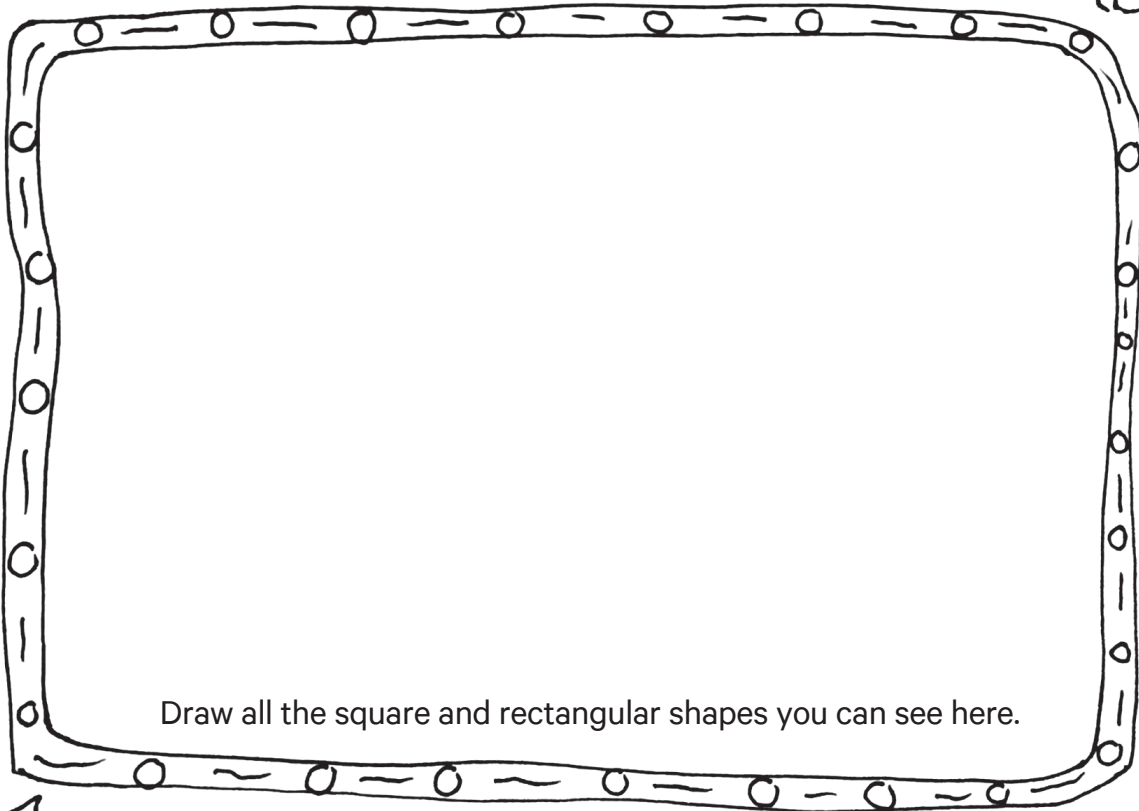
How many different shapes can you see?



1.



Draw all the oval and circular shapes you can see here.

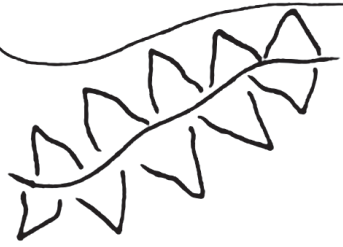
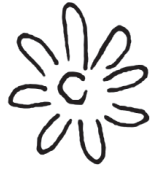
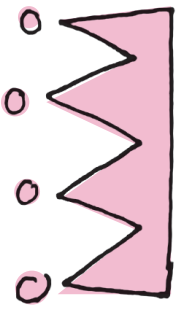


Draw all the square and rectangular shapes you can see here.



2.

Can you see any funny looking shapes that don't have a name? Draw them here:



3. Draw your favourite shapes here:



4.

Time to Create! On a large piece of paper, draw some of your favourite shapes. See if you can draw them big. You can colour them however you like!

Collage time! It's time to cut out your shapes. Place them on a new piece of paper and start moving them around. How many different arrangements can you make?

Once you're happy it's time to glue down your shapes!

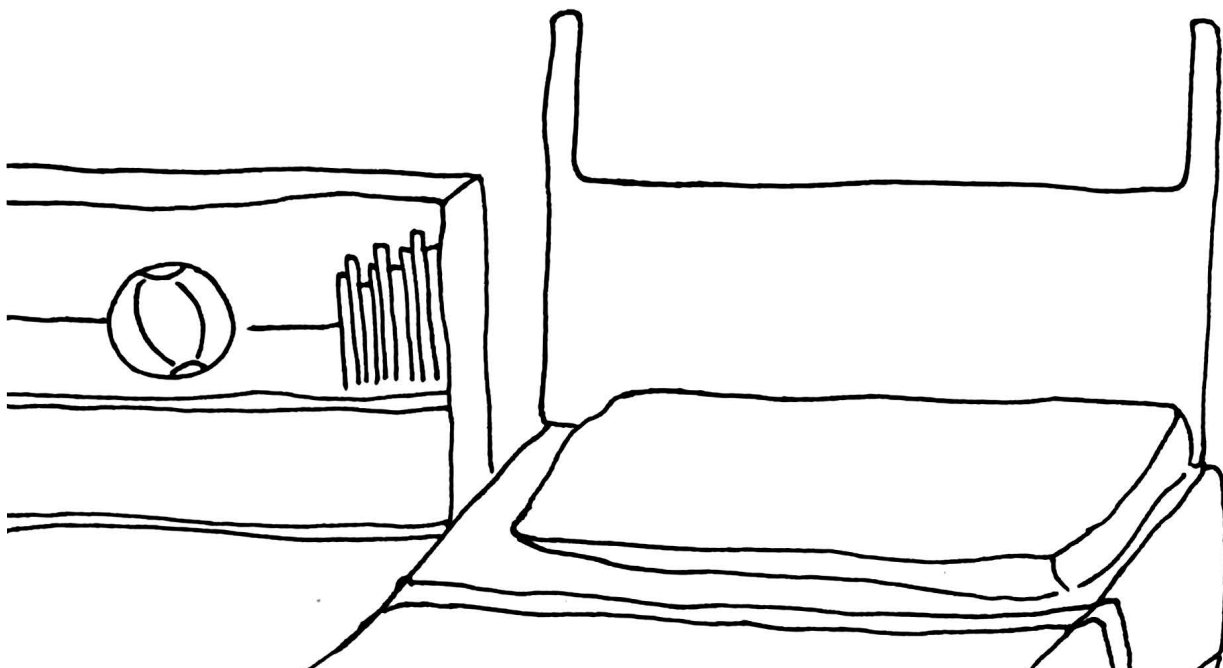
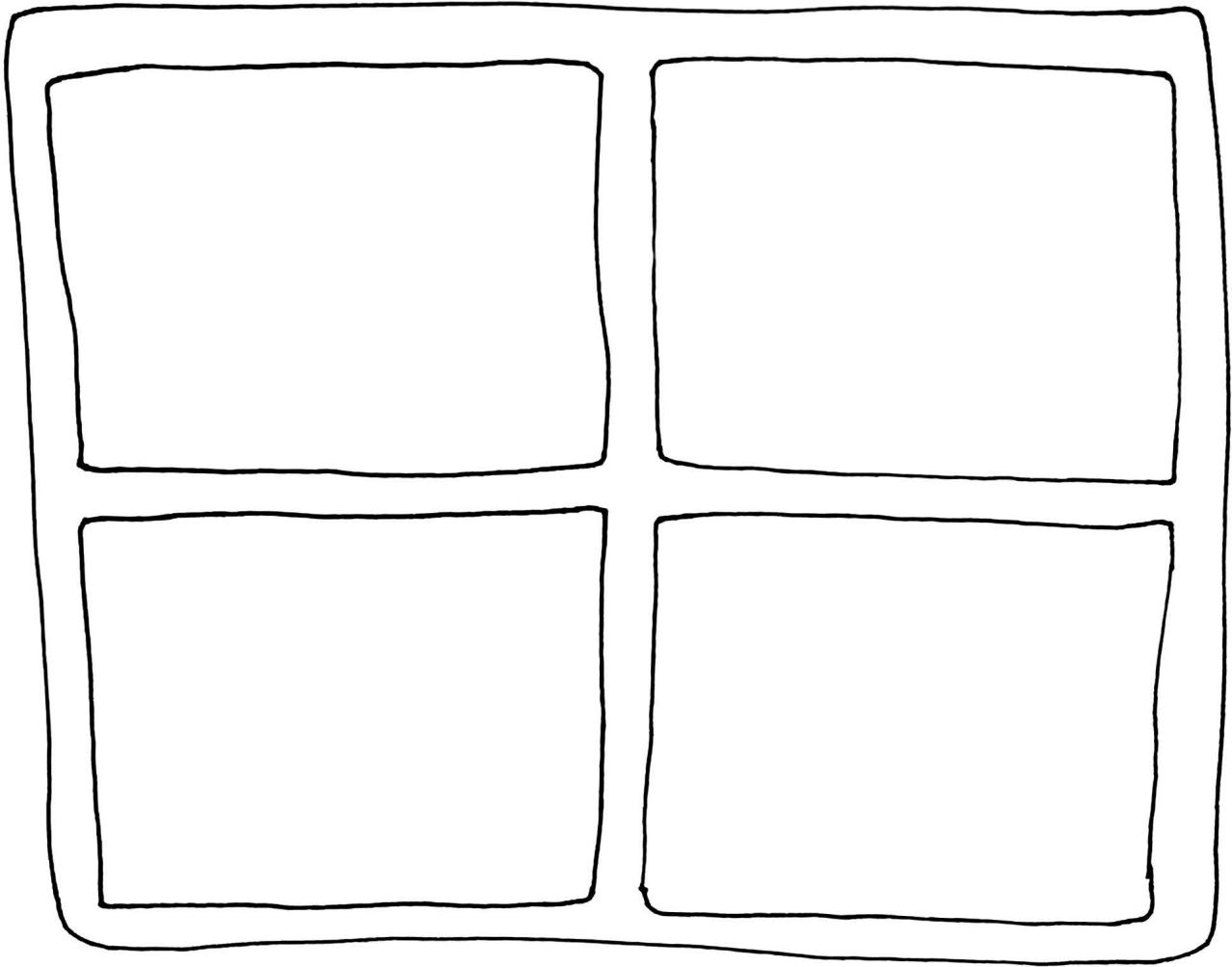
Activity Examples



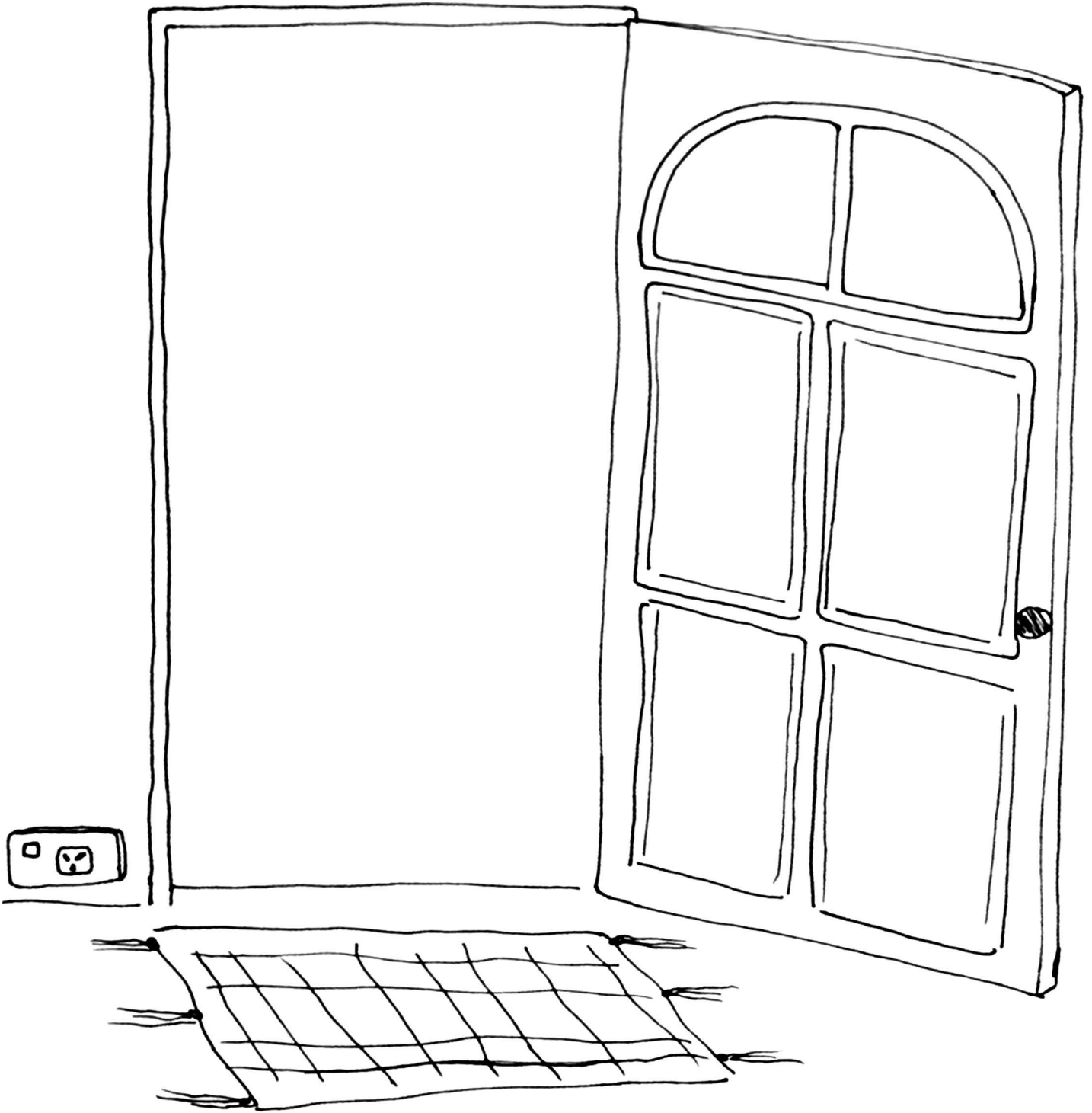
Shape Collector:
*I cut out some of my favourite
shapes to create this collage.*

Behind the Window

1. Some artists like to put surprising things in their artworks.
Draw something surprising behind the window.

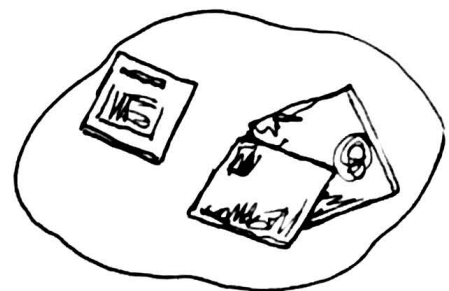
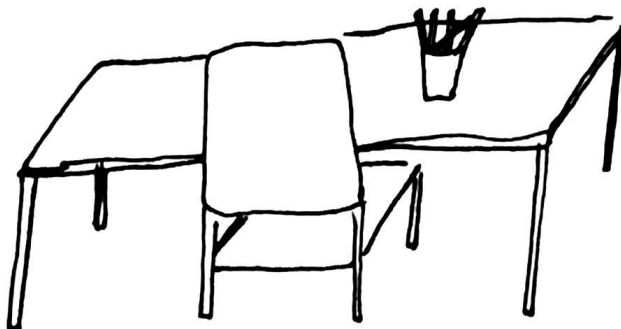
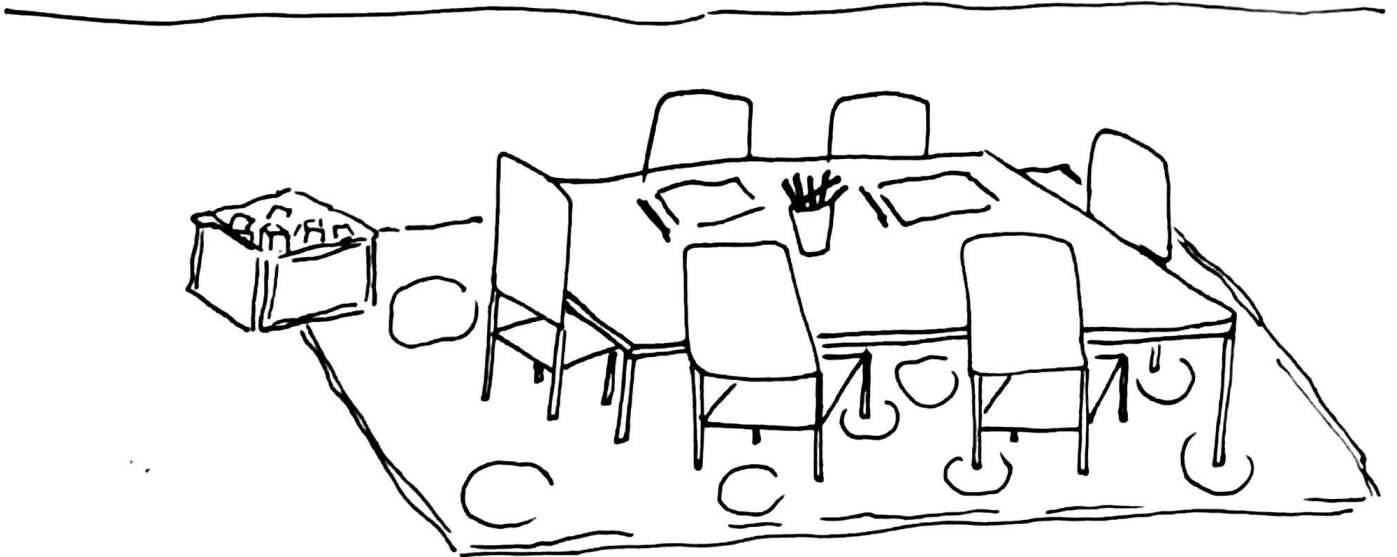


2. Draw something out of place behind the door.

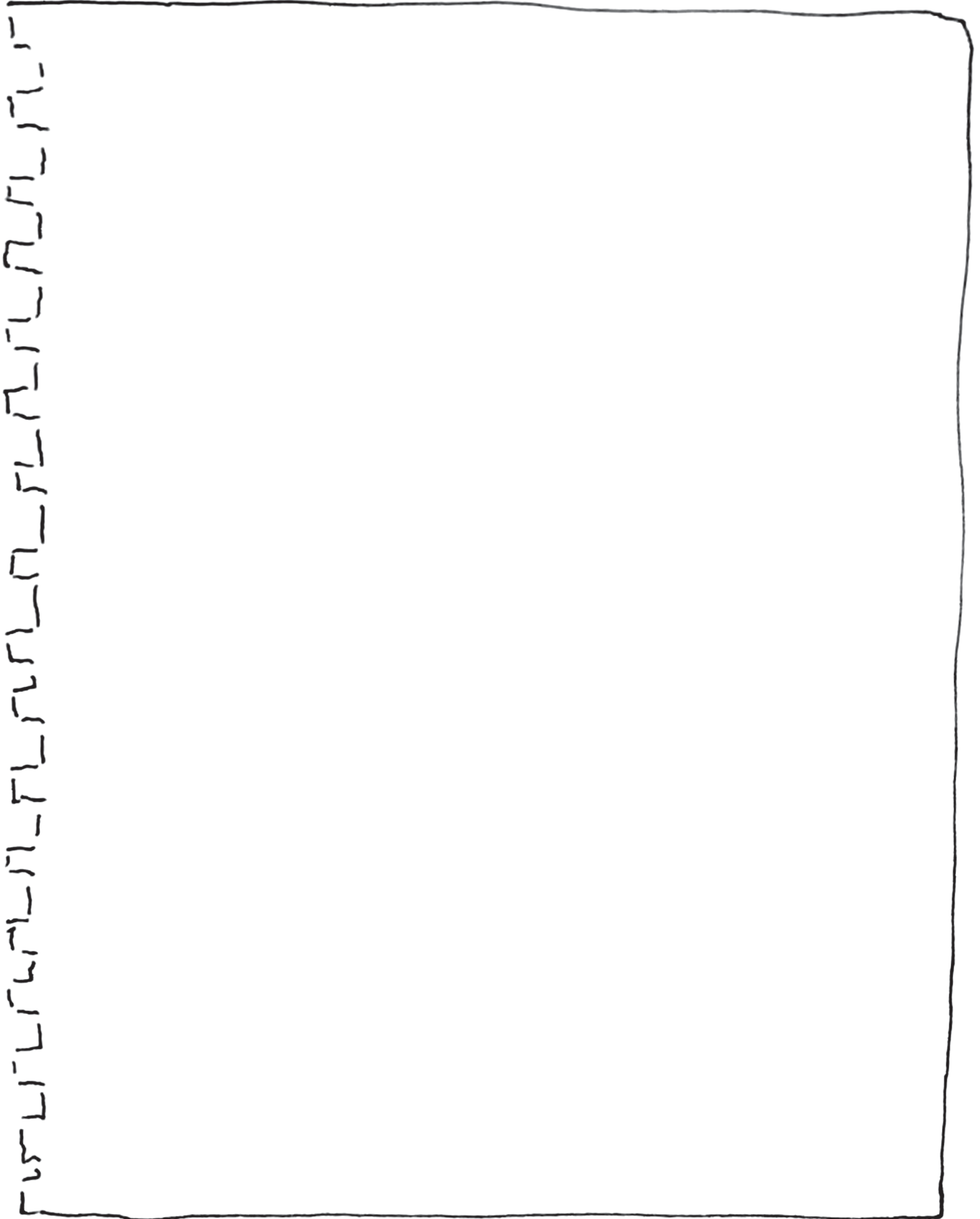
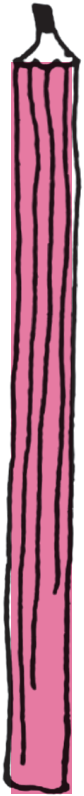


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• What doesn't belong here? Draw something that doesn't belong in this picture!



4. What story can you tell with your drawings? What surprising thing will happen? Draw or write your story here:



This activity was inspired by the artwork *Monument #28: Vortex* (2011) by Callum Morton.

You might like to use a device to learn more about the artwork and the artist here: <https://www.mca.com.au/artists-works/works/201610/>

Activity Examples



Behind the Window:
*I decided that my surprising story would
be about a classroom in outer space!*