Shape Up

Drawing
Shapes are all around us!

In this activity, you will go on a shape hunt to discover the shapes that are all around you, invent your own shapes, and create a shape drawing.
Before you start your shape hunt, let’s look at some of the shapes you will need to know.

Shapes can be big or small, sideways or tall. Shapes can be geometric or organic.

**Geometric** shapes are always the same: square, rectangle, circle, oval, triangle, and more!

**Organic** shapes have no specific form and are often found in nature.

Artists work with shapes in many different ways.
Materials

For this activity, you can use any drawing materials you like:

pencil
ballpoint pen
colored pencil
crayon
marker

You will also need several pieces of paper.
Now you are ready for the shape hunt!

Search for geometric shapes in your home.

How many different geometric shapes can you find?

Draw them and label them.
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Find the biggest geometric shape in your apartment.

Now find the smallest.

Can you find a small shape inside a big shape?
Now, look out your window.

What geometric shapes can you find outside?

Can you find a shape inside of another shape?
Hunt for organic shapes in your home and out your window.

Draw four.
Shapes can be repeated to make patterns.

Can you find shapes in a repeating pattern in your home?

Draw as many as you can find.
Find a place in your home where you see both geometric and organic shapes.

Make a drawing of what you see.
Now, let’s draw!

When two ends of a line meet, they make a shape.

Invent your own organic shapes by drawing different types of lines and connecting them.

What happens when a straight line meets a curved line?

What happens when a spiral line meets a zigzag?
Let’s draw some more!

How can you put shapes together in an interesting way?

For inspiration, check out these artists who enjoy working with shapes:

- [Gees Bend Quiltmakers](#)
- [Jacob Lawrence](#)
- [Sonia Delaunay](#)
- [Henri Matisse](#)

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