

## Getty Museum Re-Creation Challenge

*Reproduce your favourite art work using things you find around the house!*

**Focus:** Composition, reviewing the elements of art and principles of design

### Motivation:

Studying the art work of other artists can help you understand how they have used different tools (the elements of art) and compositional strategies (the principles of design) to create dynamic and visually interesting works of art.

This is a good activity to help review the elements and principles and will help when it comes time to writing critiques in class.



Johannes Vermeer's *The Astronomer*, 1668, (left) and recreation by Zumhagen-Krause and her husband featuring tray table, blanket and globe (right)



*Irises*, 1889, Vincent Van Gogh. Re-creation via Twitter DM by Cara Jo O'Connell and family using Play Doh, carrot slices, and wooden beads.

### Elements of Art:

Line  
Shape  
Form  
Colour  
Value  
Texture  
Space

### Principles of Design:

Pattern  
Contrast  
Emphasis  
Rhythm / Movement  
Harmony  
Balance  
Scale & Proportion

## Activity:

### Step 1:

Select any art work you like from the collection at the Getty Museum or other museum of your choice. There is a list of great museums at the end of this document if you are unsure of where to look. I suggest choosing a piece with multiple elements so that you can be more creative with your own version.

### Step 2:

Recreate the art work using things you have at home!

This is an exercise in looking closely. Find similarities between what you see in the art work and what you have available at home, and then apply the same strategies as the artist to re-create your own version of their composition.

The museum has posted a great guide to help you find and re-create art work that can be found here:

<http://blogs.getty.edu/iris/getty-artworks-recreated-with-household-items-by-creative-geniuses-the-world-over/#tips>

Once complete, take a photo of your recreation and put it side by side with the original. Be sure to clearly, and properly identify the source image with the title, year, and artist's name!!

If you like you can post your artwork on your choice of social media(s) using the hashtags **#IBartsHSB** & **#betweenartandquarantine** (both are optional of course!)

If you do not want to share your work online or are not on social media feel free to email me a pic of your work at [kvalade@nfsb.qc.ca](mailto:kvalade@nfsb.qc.ca).

## *Happy creating!!*

## Museums to check out for inspiration and enjoyment:

Montreal Museum of Fine Arts - <https://www.mbam.qc.ca/en/>

The Louvre - <https://www.louvre.fr/en>

The Solomon R. Guggenheim - <https://www.guggenheim.org/collection-online>

J. Paul Getty Museum - <https://www.getty.edu/museum/>

National Museum of Art (USA) - <https://www.nga.gov/>

The Metropolitan Museum of Art - <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features>

The National Gallery of Canada - <https://www.gallery.ca/>

Musée D'Orsay - <https://m.musee-orsay.fr/en/home.html>

Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa - <https://zeitzmocaa.museum/the-team/>