WELCOME!

The Boise Art Museum is a fun place for families to discover. This activity guide explores 4 artworks in BAM’s Permanent Collection.
Outside the Lines is the fourth and final exhibition inspired by Boise Art Museum’s Art Cards, a project designed to encourage engagement with artworks in BAM’s Permanent Collection.

Based on the Art Card deck True Colors, this exhibition explores the ways in which artists employ the elements of art and principles of design to convey mood, provoke emotional responses, and communicate with viewers.

While the artworks are organized in themes of Line; Shape and Form; Space; Color and Value; and Texture; these categories often overlap. With the principles of design (such as balance, rhythm, emphasis, pattern, contrast, unity, and movement), artists can use the elements of art to create their expressions in a vast number of ways, as demonstrated by the diversity of artwork presented in this exhibition.
What are elements of art?

**Line**
An identifiable path marked on a surface.

**Form**
A grouping of lines creating length, width, and depth—3D.

**Space**
The illusion of depth (3D) on a flat surface.

**Texture**
The way in which art can be sensed by touch, or would seem to feel to the touch.

**Shape**
A grouping of lines creating length and width—2D.

**Color + Value**
Color is a general term for the qualities listed below when observed in light reflected by materials and pigments.

- **Value**
  Darkness or lightness of the color. White and black can be added to color pigments to change their value.

- **Hue**
  Color itself, eg. red, blue, or yellow

- **Intensity**
  Saturation, eg. bright or dull
Take your time and look closely.
- What colors do you see? What shapes can you find?
- What might you see outside the boundaries of the frame?

How do you think this artwork was made?
- Which colors and lines do you think were added first?
- Which were added last? What do you see that makes you think that?

What do you observe when you look closely at this artwork?
Maybe you notice rolling hills, a winter landscape, or a frozen lake.

Draw, expanding this painted collage beyond its border.
Maybe there is an octopus stretching its tentacles, or sprouts growing.
Draw in the style of the collage, or switch styles – make it your own!
Begin a conversation by asking questions about the artwork.

Start with the phrase *I wonder...*

For example:

I wonder...if she is boxing with another person?
I wonder...why she chose red gloves?
I wonder...how the artist made such a large painting?

(It is more than 6-feet tall.)

**What are your questions?**

Fay Jones
(American, born 1936)

*Self-Portrait: Braque Boxing*, 1992
acrylic on paper
Collectors Forum Purchase 1995
Boise Art Museum Permanent Collection
77 x 53 1/2"
Use games to discover more about the artwork.

Here are some suggestions:

- Can you find objects at home that look like this artwork?
- How many rectangles can you find in this artwork?
- Build your own sculpture using repeated shapes and forms. Experiment with different ways of balancing the pieces.
- Turn your sculpture into a maze.

You can always make up your own games, too!


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1. **Draw straight lines that divide** a piece of medium-heavy weight paper into 6-12 small shapes, like a puzzle. The shapes can be any kind – rectangles, triangles, or even a made up shape.

2. **Draw rounded shapes on top of the straight lines.**

   Lines can cross over the original shapes:

   ![Lines crossing over original shapes](image1)

   AND/OR stop at the dividing lines:

   ![Lines stopping at dividing lines](image2)

3. **Add color to your design.**

   You can use paint, markers, colored pencils – whatever you have to add color.

   ![Colorful design](image3)