



Gallery
Inquiry &
Activity
Allan
McCollum

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Allan McCollum is a conceptual artist who applies techniques of mass production to handmade objects in order to investigate the relationship between the distinctive trace of human touch and the cold calculation of industrial processes.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

In this project, students will reference the system of patterns and textures in artist Allan McCollum's "Constructed Paintings" to make their own artworks.



Secrets, 1974



Remnants III, 1974

VOCABULARY TERMS

ORDER

Things in a particular sequence, pattern, or method.

CONCEPT

The larger thought behind something.

CONSTRUCT

To build something (typically a building, road, or machine).

PATTERN

A repeated design.

TEXTURE

The feeling of a surface.

HARMONY

A pleasing arrangement of separate parts.

SYMMETRY

A balance of proportions

ACTIVITY

CONSTRUCTED PAINTINGS

Age Range: 6+

Activity Time: 45 minutes

Allan McCollum uses many different patterns and mathematical systems in his work to create unique versions of similar and in some cases identical shapes. In this activity I'd like for you to create some unique patterns and textures on paper, cut them into strips and then we'll use our own system to weave them together to create your own constructed painting.

ACTIVITY MATERIALS

3 sheets of paper



Paint



Scissors



Texture Tools (sponge, plastic fork, tin foil, an old shirt, fingers)



Glue

ACTIVITY

SHAPES IN SHADOWS

Age Range: 6+

Activity Time: 30 minutes

Allan McCollum is well known for his work with shapes. He says that he wants to create a unique shape for every person on Earth.

Today I want to help you to create a special and unique shape for someone you love.

ACTIVITY MATERIALS

Plain white sheet of paper



A sheet of colored construction paper (if you have one)



A pencil, crayon or marker



Scissors

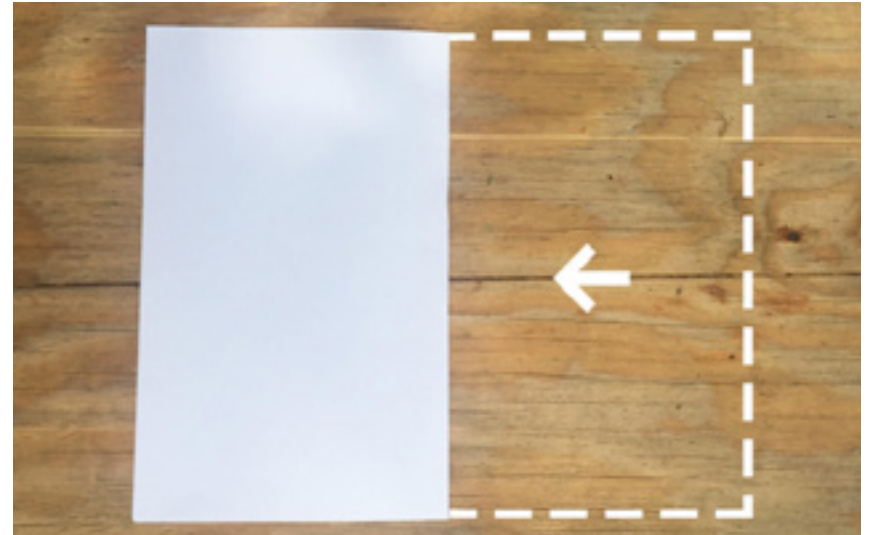


Glue

ACTIVITY

SHAPES IN SHADOWS

Let's fold our white sheet of paper in half crosswise.



I invite you to go outside and search for a shadow that makes an interesting shape.

Some ideas include; shadows made by the leaves on a tree, a small pot or object in your yard.

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Make sure that the shadow is running off of the folded edge of your sheet.



Trace the shadow onto your sheet.

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SHAPES IN SHADOWS

Now that we have outlined our shadow we can take our scissors and carefully cut our shape out of the paper.



Unfold it to reveal your mystery shape, does it look like anything to you?
Ask someone from your family what your shape looks like to them.

If you have an extra sheet of colored paper, you can glue your shape onto the center of it and hang it up on your wall or give it to a loved one as a gift!

SENSORY SCAVENGER HUNT

Age Range: 4+

Activity Time: 30 minutes

Materials: Scavenger Hunt Sheet & Pencil

FIND SOMETHING THAT FEELS...

Bumpy:

Smooth:

Cold:

Slippery:

Spiky:

Grainy:

Fuzzy:

Scratchy:

FIND SOMETHING THAT LOOKS...

Reflective:

Tall:

Patterned:

Glittery:

Glowing:

Symmetrical:

Bold:

Transparent:

FIND SOMETHING THAT MAKES THE SOUND...

Tap:

Knock:

Screech:

Jingle:

Ding:

Clink:

Woosh:

Bang: