

# Making Art Connections

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## Art in the Everyday

Recreations of famous artworks took social media by storm! Now we're pivoting from imitation toward imagination. Using a work from the Art Center's collection as inspiration, look with intention at your surroundings—both inside and out—to find compositions, gestures, moods, colors, etc. that recall the "inspiration" artwork, and then snap a photo. Challenge yourself to observe, not recreate. It's amazing how quickly you'll discover that art exists in the everyday.

We can't wait to see the art you capture! Share your findings by adding your photo to the comments section of the Art Center Facebook post to help create a community-sourced collection of images.



(Left) Kenneth Noland (American, 1924 - 2010)  
*Whirl*, 1960

Acrylic on canvas  
70 13/16 × 69 3/4 inches

Purchased with funds from the Coffin Fine Arts Trust; Nathan Emory Coffin Collection of the Des Moines Art Center, 1974.79

## How to Find Art All Around

Using the unique qualities of our personal environments (inside and out), observation skills, creativity, and desire for social connection, let's create a collection of your photographs inspired by work from the Art Center's collection and seeing art in the spaces all around us.

*Step 1:* Spend a few minutes looking at and thinking about the inspiration artwork. What resonates with you—subject, mood, color, composition, gesture, contrast, etc.?

*Step 2:* Really look at the spaces around you with the inspiration artwork in mind. You'll be surprised once you start looking it's hard to stop seeing. Take lots of photos. Feel free to edit them.

*Step 3:* Share your work! Add your photo to the comment section of the Des Moines Art Center's Facebook post from Saturday, May 23, 2020. Photos can be added to the comment section anytime into perpetuity, but posts received by 11:59 pm on Monday, May 25, 2020 are eligible entries to win a prize. The winner will be contacted via Facebook no later than June 1, 2020 regarding the details of the prize.