This exhibition is about an artist named Carl Holty. He makes works of abstract art. Abstract art does not represent images of people, places or things the way they appear in everyday life. Abstract artists simplify images in shapes, colors and lines.

To the right is an example of a museum label. Museum labels give us information like the name of the artist, the title of the work of art, when it was made and what materials the artist used. Labels will be useful and provide clues to help you complete your scavenger hunt!

FIND THE WORK TITLED “STILL LIFE BLUE.”

A still-life painting shows a group of arranged objects. The objects can be natural (plants or fruit) or made by people (plates or musical instruments).

How many objects can you find in this painting? What are they?

FIND A WORK OF ART THAT SHOWS AN ABSTRACT PAINTING OF A KNIGHT.

When you find it, strike a pose. Try standing like the knight in the picture.

FIND A WORK OF ART THAT SHOWS THE DESERT.

Hint: there’s a clue in the title!

What is the mood of this painting? Try picking three words to describe the mood. What about the painting makes you choose those words?

FIND THIS DRAWING IN THE GALLERIES.

Notice how the artist uses different kinds of lines to make shapes. How many different kinds of lines can you find?

At home, try adding color to this work of art using colored pencil or crayons. How does color change the drawing?

FLIP THIS SCAVENGER HUNT OVER TO FIND DIRECTIONS FOR AN ABSTRACT PAINTING ACTIVITY YOU CAN DO AT HOME!
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Holty combines layered splotches of different colors in one untitled painting to create a work of art that seems busy with movement. How many colors can you find? What is one word you think of when you look at this work of art?

In this activity, you will make your own work of abstract art using watercolors and plastic wrap.

For this activity you will need:

- sturdy paper (like watercolor paper)
- a paintbrush
- water
- a sponge
- watercolor paints
- plastic wrap

To make your plastic wrap abstraction:

1. Use a sponge to dampen the whole piece of paper with water. Make sure the paper is very wet.

2. Add color to the paper using the paintbrush and watercolor paints. Try different techniques to add the paint. You can use swirls of different colors, or you can add them in splotches.

3. Fill the entire paper with color. If the paper starts to dry, re-wet it with your brush or sponge.

4. When you have finished painting, cover the paper in plastic wrap. Make sure it has some wrinkles in it.

5. Let the paper dry. Remove the plastic wrap to reveal your abstraction! How has the painting changed?

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Once you’re finished, share with us! Tag @georgiamuseum