

# Art at home!

## Elements of Art: Line + Space

### Activity: String Flowers

All the elements of art — line, space, color, texture, shape, form and value — influence one another. When it comes to abstract art, the characteristics of the line you draw will greatly affect how an image will look. Space is important as well, as it involves the placement of lines and their relationships to each other and to the background.

Line is the connection of one point to another. Lines may be thick, thin, swiggly or straight. Space is the area around and between objects, involving the placement of elements in your artwork. It's important to consider perspective when thinking about how to show space because of implied or actual distance between the viewer and an art piece. Space can be 2D or 3D, positive or negative. Positive space refers to the main subject. Negative space refers to the space not filled by the main subject, usually referred to as the background.

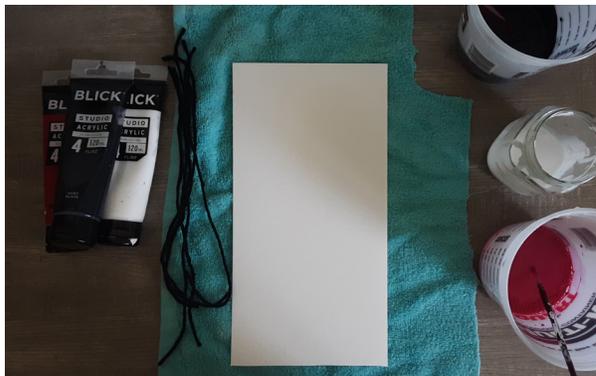
Georgia O'Keeffe's flower paintings are examples of not only line placement, but also color choice. While her work is not considered abstract, the close-up depictions of flowers show how line and space influence the viewer's perception of a piece of art. This activity involves being thoughtful about line placement in order to make flowers with paint and yarn.



### Materials:

- String or yarn.
- Scissors.
- Paint (two to four colors).
- Water.
- Paper or canvas.
- Containers for paint.
- Cloth or trash bag.

### How to:



Gather your materials.

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1. Mix each color of paint with water in its own container, adding more paint than water. Making the paint too thin will prevent the paint from sticking to the string.
2. Cut the string into multiple long strands.
3. Place paper onto the desk with a trash bag or cloth underneath it.
4. Dip one piece of string completely into one paint color.
5. Carefully lay the string into a squiggle shape, or an 'S' on your paper or canvas.
6. Hold the end of the string and pull it straight down or diagonally. The string will pull the paint into a flower shape! Do this with multiple colors for a layered effect.
7. Each paint color should have a separate string. Have additional separate strings when overlapping colors on your paper or canvas. This prevents your paints from mixing together.
8. Set your art aside once you are satisfied and let it dry completely.

That's it! Have fun making flowers in multiple colors and shapes! Share your creations with us on our social media pages **@asuartmuseum**.

## Additional Links:

- Elements of Art Video: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OW7YQYtUfhkhIDbkRt27wCg0QhGphcil/view?usp=sharing>
- <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/438678819957246020/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MJmDuQQSfU>