

Mini Art Lesson:

Monet's Salle a Manger Jaune

by Mickalene Thomas

Let's take inspiration from *Monet's Salle a Manger Jaune* by Mickalene Thomas. Follow along below for step-by-step instructions on how to create shapes as well as dances with kids ages 2–6, and reimagine spaces in your home using basic shapes and color paper for kids ages 7 and up. Feel free to adapt the activities in a way that best suits your family!



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Mickalene Thomas: Origin of the Universe.

FOR AGES 2–6: LET'S PLAY

Step 1: Look at Thomas's artwork and identify the shapes you see. Make the shapes with your hands. Model them for your child, and have them do the same. (A)

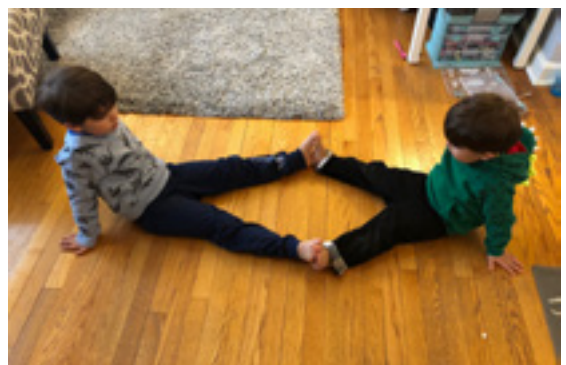
Step 2: How else can you make shapes? Have your child explore making shapes with their arms, legs, and more. (B)

Step 3: Find ways to create shapes with your bodies together! Practice making different-sized shapes using different parts of the body. (C)

A



B



C



FOR AGES 2–6:
LET’S PLAY (cont.)

Step 4: Now, let’s make a sequential dance with our body shapes (think the Village People’s “Y.M.C.A.”)! (D)

D



FOR AGES 2–6:
LET’S PLAY
BONUS!

Mickalene Thomas’s artwork was based on the artist Claude Monet’s dining room. Go to where you usually eat and compare your space with the artwork. Create a new dance based on the shapes you see in your dining area. (A)

A



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FOR AGES 7+: LET'S CREATE

Step 1: Find a room or favorite corner in your home to recreate! (A)

Step 2: Sketch it out and cut out basic shapes using different color paper. (B)

Step 3: Add in details with pencil. (C)

Step 4: Glue it all together. (D)

Step 5: Finally, embellish it with something shiny—like aluminum foil! (E)

A



B



C



D



E

