



Post-Museum visit – Lesson 1

Create Your Own Garden



Students will practice using line, shape, and color to create their own garden inspired by the artist Rafael López*



Video #6

“Create Your Own Garden”

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[FresnoArtMuseum.org/VideoAccess](https://www.fresnoartmuseum.org/videoaccess)



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Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.



ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

How do artists work?

How do artists and designers learn from trial and error?



VOCABULARY

Geometric shapes, organic shapes, wavy lines, primary colors, secondary colors, overlap, lune poems, descriptive words

* If you are a public school in Fresno County, you have the book *Just Ask*, illustrated by Rafael López in your school library in Spanish and English



MATERIALS

- 18” x 6” white construction paper (construction paper cut in half lengthwise) or 17” x 5.5” card stock (tabloid sheet cut in half lengthwise)
- Color markers
- Pencil
- Scrap paper
- A fine point black Sharpie or other permanent black marker



DIRECTIONS

TEACHER NOTES

- The video, *Create Your Own Garden* (Length: 10:41), at <https://youtu.be/2KggHNSG0mU>
- The artist will walk through students through the lesson. The artist will have you and your class watch the video.
- As students watch, encourage them to have their supplies ready and follow along.

BEFORE YOU WATCH (Prompts for Students)

- What were the children in Just Ask! doing?
- What kind of plants were they growing?
- Did all the children do the same task?
- Ask “What makes YOU special?” Children can write down positive words on their scrap paper
- If you could plant a garden, what would you grow?

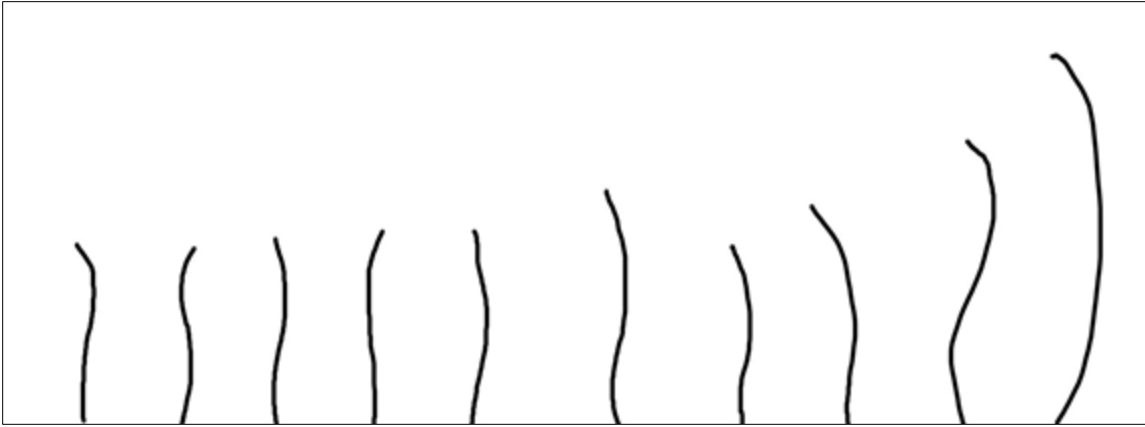
AS YOU WATCH

- Study the flowers and plants that Mr. Lopez created. Practice drawing lines and shapes on a piece of scrap paper.
- Get a 6” x 18” sheet of white or light color construction paper or 5.5”x 17” white card stock (tabloid sheet cut in half, horizontally)
- Write your name on the back. Flip over the paper.
- Turn your paper landscape and with your black pen, draw six to ten wavy lines of different lengths from the bottom of the paper. These will be your plant or flower stems.
- Add leaves to your stems– they can be different sizes and organic shapes
- Add the flower or other blooms at the top of each stem
- Choose words that describe YOU from the list on the next page or choose others that have a positive meaning.
- Using color pencils or crayons color your flowers and plants. Use at least six different colors.

WRITING

- Write a [lune poem](#) about YOU using the positive words you added to your artwork. See the [lune poem](#) slides for directions and samples.
- Share your poem and your art with the class.

Step 1 – draw stems



Step 2 – draw leaves

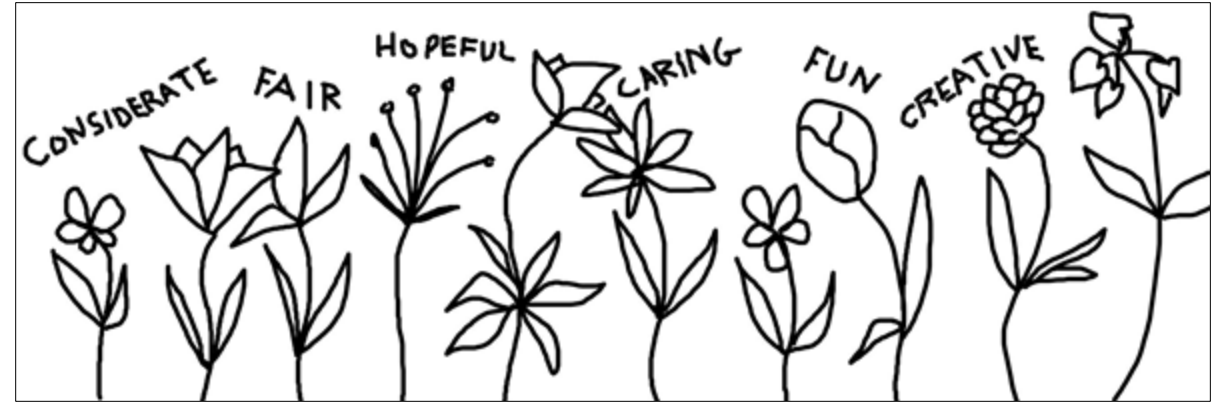


Step 3 – add flowers or other plant features

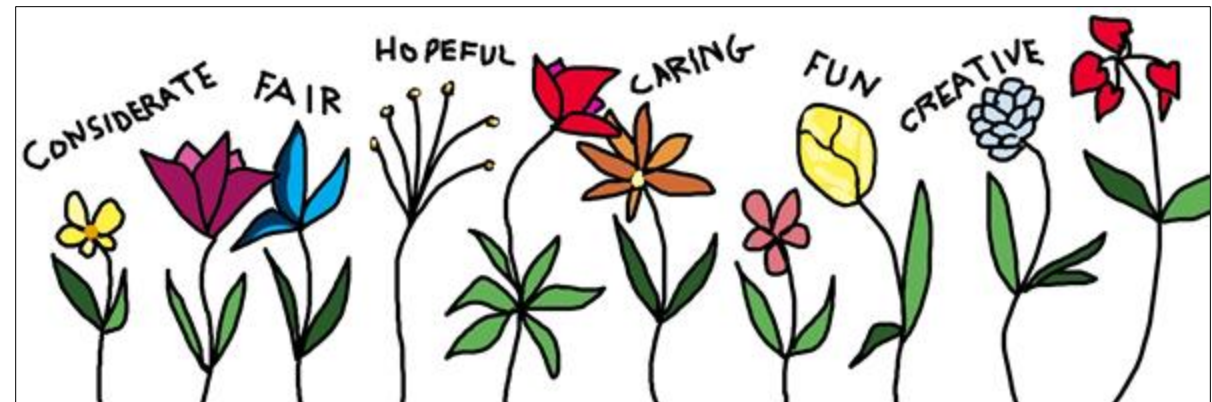


Steps to create your garden.

Step 4 – add words



Step 5 – add color





POSITIVE CHARACTER TRAITS

- artistic
- brave
- charming
- cheerful
- compassionate
- confident
- considerate
- cooperative
- courageous
- creative
- determined
- easy-going
- encouraging
- energetic
- enthusiastic
- flexible
- forgiving
- friendly
- generous
- happy
- hard-working
- helpful
- honest
- humorous
- imaginative
- industrious
- insightful
- intelligent
- kind
- loving
- motivated
- observant
- open-minded
- optimistic
- organized
- outgoing
- patient
- philanthropic
- playful
- positive
- reasonable
- reliable
- responsible
- sensitive
- supportive
- thoughtful
- trustworthy
- understanding
- unselfish
- upbeat
- warm
- witty



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Provided for
flower
inspiration