

## Other Books for Exploring Art

*Museum Shapes*, by The Metropolitan Museum of Art

*Little Blue and Little Yellow*, by Leo Lionni

*Mouse Paint and Mouse Shapes*, by Ellen Stoll Walsh

*When a Line Bends... A Shape Begins*, by Rhonda Gowler Greene

*Pattern Fish and Pattern Bugs*, by Trudy Harris

There are many ways to enjoy a book. When reading with your child notice what interests him or her. How you use your new book is up to you and your child.

For example:

- Your child may be more interested in talking about what she sees in the illustrations than reading the story.
- You can read a little bit of the book at a time rather than all at once.
- Remember sometimes requests for book time are a desire for a time to cuddle and be close.



The Johnson Museum is a proud partner in Ithaca's Discovery Trail, a partnership of eight educational organizations promoting awareness and understanding of the connections among art, history, literature, science, and the natural world.

Please stop by the H. F. Johnson Museum of Art and explore both the permanent collection and our special exhibitions. We have family fun activities every month. A complete list of events and programs is available at: [www.museum.cornell.edu](http://www.museum.cornell.edu)

OPEN Tuesday—Sunday: 10am - 5pm • Closed Mondays  
ADMISSION FREE

## ABOUT the PROGRAM

**Trumansburg Kids Explore & Discover (TKED)** is a program of the TCSD Foundation with support from the Discovery Trail and the Trumansburg Central School District to provide curriculum-based field trips to the eight sites of the Discovery Trail for Trumansburg Central School District students grades Pre-K through 6.

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Learn more about **Trumansburg Kids Explore & Discover** at [www.tcsdfoundation.org](http://www.tcsdfoundation.org) and [www.discoverytrail.com](http://www.discoverytrail.com)



## Pre-Kindergarten

*Discovery Trail Site:*

**Herbert F. Johnson Museum**

Central and University Aves.  
Ithaca NY 14853-4001  
(P) 607-255-6464

[www.museum.cornell.edu](http://www.museum.cornell.edu)

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## LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

by Nancy Wallace and Linda Friedlaender

is yours to keep in celebration of your child's Prekindergarten trip to the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University as part of Trumansburg Kids Explore and Discover (TKED)!

Special thanks to the Trumansburg Elementary School PTO for funding this book.

Dear grown-up and child art appreciators, You are receiving either the book *Look! Look! Look!* or *Art*. Notice there is a label inside where your child can write his or her name! As you read together, your child will learn how to observe art and see it in many different ways.

Have fun!  
Carol Hockett,  
Museum Educator



## ART ACTIVITIES

### Picture Cards

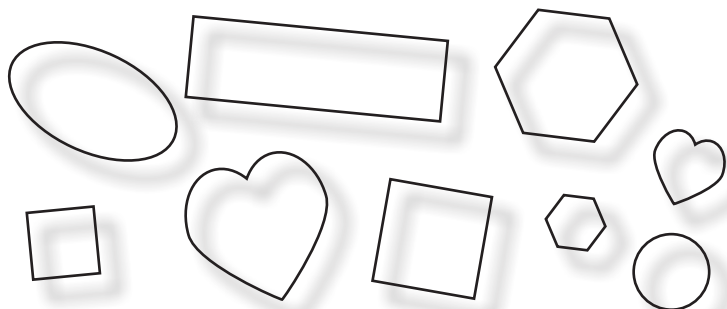
Like the mice in the book, the more carefully you and your child look at the artwork, the more you will find! There are descriptions and activities on the back of each card. Read them over and try some of the suggestions with your child.

### Frame Game

The mice use a frame to look for patterns. Let your child use the frame to study a small part of each of the cards.

Ask your child to use the frame to look at smaller parts of a picture card. See if they can find a face or other body part. Ask your child if they see patterns like the mice did when they explored their postcard.

Repeat this with each of the picture cards. Some will have faces, others may not. See if your child can find familiar shapes within each picture.



### Shapes Game

The mice make designs with shapes. You can play a shape game with your child.

- Cut out the shapes on the colored paper. (Some children may want to do this themselves, but others may prefer to have you do it. Either is fine!)
- Let your child explore some different designs s/he can make with the shapes. Use the piece of plain colored paper as a background.
- Sometimes children make things and we glue them down. When we do not glue the pieces down, your child can take the design apart and explore making a new one over and over again. Encourage your child to make different designs.
- Some children will want to make abstract designs. Others will want to make a "thing," such as a body. Either is ok. Follow your child's lead.
- If you have some old paper in your house (newspaper, magazine, paper bag, etc.) you and your child can cut out some more shapes. They can be regular like a circle or any shape you can imagine. Make these shapes into designs!
- If your child makes a design that he or she really wants you to glue or tape down. That's ok, too!

