

HOW DO WE REMEMBER? OBJECTS WITH MEMORIES

WHAT
WILL YOU
NEED?



THREE PERSONAL
OR HOUSEHOLD
OBJECTS THAT
HOLD DIFFERENT
MEMORIES



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CRAYONS
/MARKERS



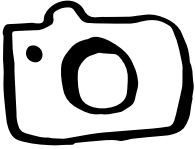
IMAGE OF "THE
GREAT SPHERE" BY
FRITZ KOENIG

What will you be doing?

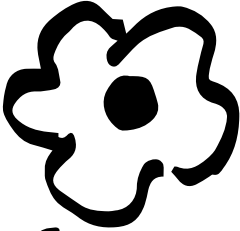
Using various objects around your home, think of the memory that connects to the chosen objects. Draw an abstract representation of the memory.

★ Use the prompts below to help guide your memory art.

REMEMBERING WITH OBJECTS



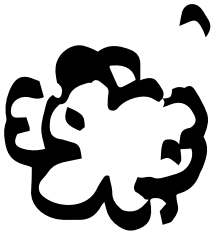
Find three objects in your home that have different memories.



Choose three crayon or marker colors that connect with how the object makes you feel.

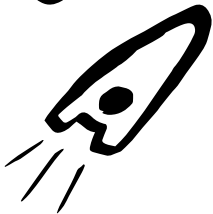


With your chosen colors, draw abstract pictures of your memories.



What does abstract art mean?

Abstract art uses shapes, lines, and colors to make art. It does not have to look like anything in real life. It can be squiggly lines, shapes, one color, or lots of colors on a page. The meaning of the artwork can be different to each person looking at it.



How do I make abstract art?

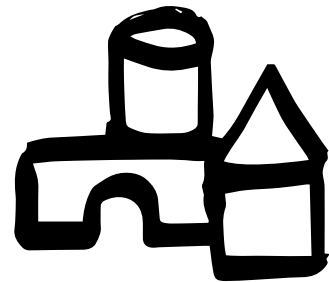
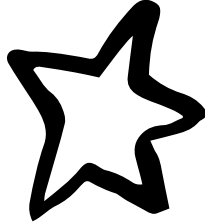
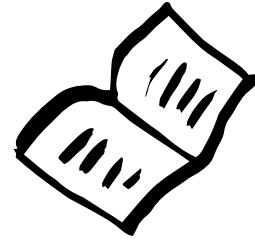
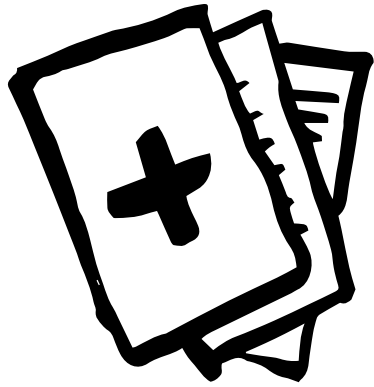
When making abstract art, think about the emotions connected to your memory and let those emotions guide the artwork. Maybe you have a happy memory and want to use bright colors to make wavy lines on the page. You can be as creative or as minimal as you like! It's all up to you.





Installation shot of *The Way We Remember: Fritz Koenig's Sphere, the Trauma of 9/11, and the Politics of Memory*. The Wallach Art Gallery

Fritz Koenig's Great Caryatid Sphere is an abstract sculpture. Koenig made this sculpture to be placed atop a fountain in front of the World Trade Center. After the attacks on 9/11 the Sphere was damaged, and restored years later. The memories and emotions attached to the Sphere have changed over time, just like our memories can change after a long time too. When you look at your objects, remember when you first received it and how it made you feel then, and how it makes you feel now. Do you have different feelings? Have they stayed the same?



SHARE YOUR OBJECTS WITH US

Let us know which objects at home hold your memories!
Take a photo of your object and send it to us on Instagram to
create a community collection of memory objects!

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