

# Art A Day CHALLENGE: A Few of My Favorite Things

## Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day of the School Closure! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE



**Stuff you'll Need: remember, materials are up to you!** Paper, soft pastels, canvas, camera (cell phone or other), pencils, erasers, scrap paper, glue, paint, crayons, markers, anything else you want to use! All mediums welcome. Whatever you have!

### Words you need to know:

**Still life:** Art work that includes an arrangement of objects that do not move on their own (usually inanimate objects)

**Depth:** Making objects appear closer or further away or making 2 dimensional artwork appear 3 dimensional

**Balance:** Equally distributing the weight of objects in artwork

Edith McCarney  
American, 1897-1981  
Still Life-Blue Vase with Chinese  
Figurines, 1930. Pastels

**LOOK:** Let's look at this still life drawing by Edith McCarney. Objects were carefully selected to work with each other

in the same pastel drawing. Imagine that there is a line down the center of the artwork. Imagine that the objects on the painting are weights. The artist created a **balance** between the objects so that one side of the painting wasn't heavier than the other.

**MAKE:** Walk around your room. Find 3-5 of your favorite objects that have a significant meaning to you (maybe it reminds you of a family trip, or favorite animal, etc. Find a surface with a solid color. You can use fabric like a sheet, or a table cloth. Set your objects up in an interesting way. Create **depth** by setting some objects in front of others. Think about creating **balance** in your artwork with your objects (size, shape, color, etc.). If you can, use a light source to create shadows and highlights. Take a photograph, draw, paint, sketch, or represent this still life in whatever way you feel!

**Extension:** Write a journal entry to describe the objects you selected and write about why they are important to you. Share it with your artwork!

**SHARE:** POST your creation in the comments on FACEBOOK and Tag @WCMFA on Instagram and use the hashtag # ARTaDayCHALLENGE