

Art A Day CHALLENGE: Edible Artistic Inspiration

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

We challenge you to an art activity each day during school closures! If you decide to complete this challenge, share it with us in the comments and on Instagram @WCMFA and use the hashtag #ARTaDayCHALLENGE. The order you complete the challenges is up to you!

Stuff you'll need: Colorful food! Fresh fruits, veggies, and beans are great. We don't want to waste it though, so after you create, get ready to bag it up or have a snack! You'll also need a plate (or some kind of serving dish) and something to cut the fruits and veggies with **ADULT PERMISSION** and help!

Words you need to know:

Culinary Art: The art of preparing, cooking, and presenting food.

Composition: the arrangement, or the way objects, shapes, colors, and subjects are placed in artwork.

LOOK At the paintings below. Squint your eyes and notice the arrangement of colors and shapes. This is called the **composition**. Notice how your eye tends to go to certain places first: maybe your eye goes to a bright color, or a shape first.

THINK: Choose one painting. What would happen if you shifted the **composition** around? Would the painting give you the same experience? Would your eyes move in a different direction around the painting? If the objects were arranged differently, what would become the most important part of the painting?



Jasper F. Cropsey
American, 1823-1900
American Landscape
Oil on Canvas

MAKE: We are exploring **culinary arts!** Select a painting. You can use one of the 4 images to the left or another art work from a different challenge. Grab a plate and your fruit,

veggies, noodles, beans-anything edible. **If you are using a knife, get adult permission** or help! Now, arrange your food to recreate the **composition** of the selected artwork! Share your work, and let us know what art work you used for inspiration.

Philip Guston
American, 1913-1980
Portrait of Shannon, 1941



Charles H. Walther
American, 1879-1938
Ploughed Fields, Middletown, Maryland



William Glackens
American, 1870-1938
*Bouquet in Blue Paper
Wrapped Pot, ca. 1930-35*

Writing Prompt: After you take a picture, taste your work! Describe the textures and tastes. Did they taste as well together as they looked? Describe the **composition** of the snack! Or, describe any challenges you had while creating this unique Challenge!