



Exploring 4-H at Home



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Activities: Recreate Famous Art



Crafts

Activity Guide

Getty Art Challenge

1. Find Great Art You Like

- The only tools you need for this activity are your imagination and a picture of a work of art you like or find interesting.
- Check out images from different museums, such as the online Getty Museum collection, LACMA, The Met, Cleveland, Indianapolis, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Walters, or the National Gallery.
- Do a Google Image search for “painting [keyword],” “sculpture [keyword],” or whatever else you like. You might even try a reverse image search: upload an image of yourself or your object to Google Search and see what it thinks it looks like. (It’s often way off, but let that be part of the fun.)



Above: Lady With An Ermine (original painting) vs. Jodi With A Bucky (re-creation)

2. Pose 3 Objects, Pets, or People

- Now that you’ve found your inspiration, pick the objects you’d like to use. Any objects are fine: from a blank piece of paper to your most elaborate hat. You can stick to 3 and see what you come up with, but you’re welcome to use as many as you like.
- Here are a few tips:
 - Enlist a pet. Get your dogs, cats, bunnies, and even ferrets into the mix
 - Make a face, strike a pose. If you’re interested in re-creating a portrait or group scene, pay attention to the facial expressions—they really make it.
 - Pay attention to lighting. Try to imagine where the light in the artwork is coming from, and orient your composition so a window or lamp is casting similar light onto the scene. In bright daylight, windows offer a blue-tinged light, while most lamps cast a warmer glow.
 - Think abstractly. If you’re having trouble re-creating an artwork’s appearance, try focusing on shapes over colors.
 - Make it snackable. Edible art counts too. Why not make a Magritte on toast or even a sculpture out of strawberry?

3. Photograph and Post

- Use a smartphone camera or a digital camera to take a photo
 - if you're posing, have a member of the household do it for you
 - You may want to do several and pick the best one.
- If you want to unite the two photos—the original and the re-creation—into a single image, you can use photo-editing software like Photoshop or use a phone app like PicCollage

Inspired by the Getty Art Challenge: <https://blogs.getty.edu/iris/getty-artworks-recreated-with-household-items-by-creative-geniuses-the-world-over/>