

CREATE WITH THE COLUMBUS MUSEUM

Colorful Abstract Creations

INSPIRED BY



Alma Thomas, *Study Number Six*, 1960-1978 ca.



Alma Thomas, born in Columbus, Georgia, created this watercolor study. This style of painting is called abstract. In abstract art, artists use colors and shapes to express thoughts and emotions. Alma Thomas took inspiration from patches of color she found looking through her window. Try creating your own abstract artwork with the activity below. Look through a window at home to find inspiration for your artwork!



DIRECTIONS



Supplies

- Cardstock
- Markers
- Ziploc bag
- Bowl of water

1. Use the markers to cover the surface of the Ziploc bag.
2. Place the cardstock lightly on the surface of the water in your bowl. Make sure that the entire surface is wet.
3. Place the wet side of the cardstock face up and lay the Ziploc bag on top of it, with the side covered in marker face down.
4. Press gently across the surface of the bag.
5. Remove the Ziploc bag and allow the cardstock to dry.
6. Experiment! Try using different color combinations. Explore how your artwork looks different if you do not wet the cardstock first.

