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Use Louise Jones' mural, *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall*, as inspiration to create your own large botanical illustrations by carefully studying the flowers and plants around your home. When you have finished your creation, try our fun Make a Match game with a family member!



Louise Jones is known for her large-scale, site-specific floral murals. She paints on a massive scale, which allows her to study the flowers' shapes, colors, and unique qualities. Depending on the project, some images she creates are borrowed from local flora, while others are imagined or drawn from memory. The mural at the NBMAA was designed with collaborative input from horticulturalists, or garden experts, Alice Willard and Judith King. For more information on Louise Jones, visit [eMuseum here](#).



Louise Jones, *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall*, 2019, Site-specific installation installed in the LeWitt Family Staircase, from the Charles F. Smith Fund and the Howard Fromson Endowment for Emerging Artists

Louise Jones working on *Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall*

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1. Look at the images of Jones' mural with a family member and ask each other these questions:

- How many types of flowers and plants do you see in this mural? Do you know the names of these plants?
- Have you seen any of these plants or flowers near where you live? Which ones? What time of the year do you see them in bloom?
- What colors do you see in this mural? Do some colors repeat throughout the painting? Which colors and where?
- Does it look like the artist included a lot of detail or a little detail in her floral painting? Why do you think that?
- How do you think the artist was able to draw so many different types of plants and flowers: from her memory, by referencing a picture, or did she have the actual flowers in front of her? Why do you think that?



2. Collect your materials

*This is a suggested list only, you can use whichever objects and materials you have available to you for this project!

- Plain white paper or colored construction paper
- Pencils
- Markers, crayons, paint sticks, or paint
- Plants and flowers in the house or around the yard;
- Photographs of plants from the Internet, catalogues, or magazines
- If you have sidewalk chalk, consider taking this activity outside

3. Look at each plant carefully for a few moments. Ask yourself these questions as you start to draw your plants on a piece of paper:

- How many different plants do I want to include and how should I arrange them?
- What shapes do I see that make up each flower or plant? i.e., the leaves are a teardrop shape and the flower pedals are ovals
- What other lines or creases are there in those shapes?
- How many colors make up my plants? Do the colors darken or lighten in certain parts?

4. Start coloring!

- Tip: Color in large areas of your plant first, then go back to add details like lines and dots.



5. Take a picture of your creation and share it with the Museum using #NBMAAatHome

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MAKE A MATCH

Cut out the game pieces on the next page, mix them up, and place them face down on the floor or a table. One player begins the game by turning a game piece over, then another. If the game pieces match, the player puts them in a pile to the side, and takes another turn. If the pieces do not match, the player flips them back over and it is the next player's turn. The player with the most matches at the end of the game, wins. Note: each piece is taken from a painting in the Museum's collection.

Take a closer look at the artworks featured in this game by clicking on the artist names and titles below.

- A. [Alfred H. Maurer, *Flowers*, 1888-1932](#)
- B. [Helen Talcott Stanley, *Flame Flowers with Shell, Florida*, 1943](#)
- C. [Jeanette Klute, *Cardinal Flower*, 1950](#)
- D. [Orchid Cactus Flower #1, from *Environmental Memory: Home Grown series*, 2006-2008](#)
- E. [William F. Brooks, *Flower*, n.d.](#)
- F. [John Carroll, *Flowers in Vase*, 1912-1959](#)
- G. [Marion Huse, *Persian Vase*, 1944](#)
- H. [Judith O'Rourke, *Flower Lady*, 2000](#)



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Please cut out the shapes below to make your cards!

