

# Geometric Drawings

inspired by artist Allen Bertoldi

## ABOUT THE ARTIST:

On the grounds of the museum, there are five sculptures by artist Allen Bertoldi. His sculptures are about simple geometric shapes made of metal, situated outside in the forest, fields, and ponds. One sculpture is made of 16 rectangles that look like doorways, framing the forest, and one is a giant circle that seems to be floating in the pond and creating a reflection. Why do you think an artist might use simple shapes to make an artwork?

## STEPS:

1. On your piece of paper, trace different geometric objects like the bottom of a soup can or cereal box. Have your shapes overlap and cross over each other. Will you fill almost the whole page, or will you leave some empty space?

2. Use a ruler or straight edge to draw a few lines across your paper, dissecting shapes into smaller pieces and creating diagonal lines across the page.

3. Now that your paper is filled with shapes and lines, use your colored pencils or markers to begin filling in the shapes. Play with color: will you use just two repeating colors or will each shape be filled with a different color?

## MATERIALS:

paper, pencil, ruler or straight edge, different shaped objects, colored pencils or crayons.

## You can also try:

Creating a geometric artwork with canvas and paint!



Allen Bertoldi, Wood Duck, 1979