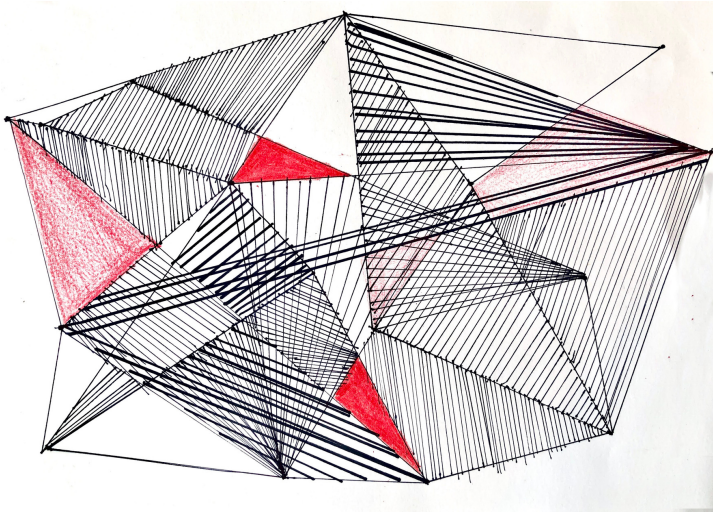


# Drawing with Lines

inspired by artist Dorothy Dehner

## ABOUT THE ARTIST:

**Dorothy Dehner (1901-1994) was a painter and sculptor who focused on use of line to create her artwork. She was inspired by skeletons of prehistoric birds and microscopic forms like cells, and how lines helped to create their forms.**



## MATERIALS:

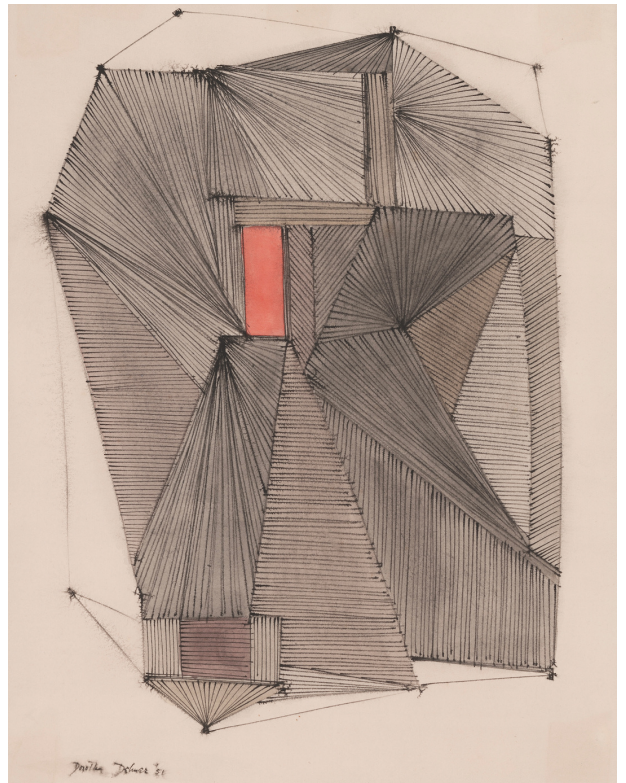
paper, ruler or straight edge (like the spine of a book), pencil, marker.

## You can also try:

- Search for images of cells or amoebas, and use them as inspiration for drawings.
- Have a family member draw the dots in Step One for you to use as a starting point.

## STEPS:

1. Using a marker, make small random dots across your page.
2. With a ruler or straight edge, make long lines to connect the dots on your page. Let your lines **overlap** and criss-cross so they start making **geometric** shapes. As you connect, you can add more dots if you think an area of your page needs a shape stretching across it.
3. Once you have connected all the dots to form shapes, use your ruler to make straight or diagonal lines filling in the shapes. You can have lines stretch from one shape to another, so that they **overlap**. Choose a few areas to color in rather than filling with lines.



Dorothy Dehner, *The Red Window*, 1951,  
ink and watercolor on paper