



Abstract Flower

FOR AGES: 6-12

MATERIALS: Construction paper, a glue stick, and scissors.



Photo by Joshua White

Hollyhock House is named after the owner's favorite flower, the Hollyhock. She asked Frank Lloyd Wright to incorporate it into the design of her home. Mr. Wright abstracted the flower by creating an arrangement of geometric shapes based on the natural plant. You can find his abstraction all over Hollyhock House: in the concrete design outside, on the dining room chairs, and on the living room rug.

Above you can see a picture of a Hollyhock flower and next to it is Wright's geometric abstraction. He used very basic shapes like the square and the rectangle to communicate his idea of the flower.

Find some images of your favorite flower. Choose two geometric shapes to create your own abstract design of the flower. Cut these shapes out of construction paper and then find an arrangement you like that represents your favorite flower. Explore different sizes and repetition of shapes. Glue your final design down to a separate piece of paper.