




LET'S EXPLORE LINES

Key Question: Where can I find lines in art?

Key Vocabulary:

- **Horizontal**—a line that runs flat, like a horizon line 
- **Vertical**—a line that runs up and down, like a tall building 
- **Diagonal**—a line that runs on a slope or an angle, like a hill 

Before we get started, let's explore where we can find lines. Watch this reading of the book [Lines That Wiggle](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1i03hHWGhM), by Candace Whitman.

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Q: Where can we find lines?

A: Everywhere! We need lines to make shapes and pictures.

Every piece of art has a type of line in it.

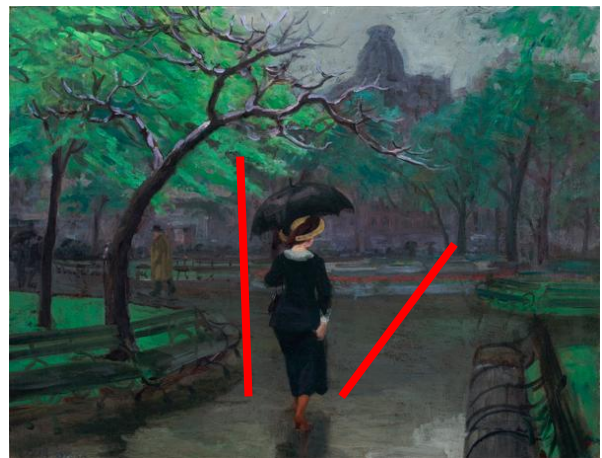
Now, Let's look at 3 pieces of art together.

On each piece of art take your finger (if you are doing this on a screen) and trace where you see lines. Name the type of line you see with your grown-up. If you printed this page, draw the line on the picture.

Here's an example. In this picture, I could draw lines like this and say "vertical" and "diagonal". The way the woman is standing is "vertical" and the road she is walking on is "diagonal"



Spring Rain, by John Sloan



There are lots of lines in all pictures, so there is more than one right answer—just have fun finding lines!

Still Life with Fruit, by Severin Roesen



1. What lines can you find? Trace them with your finger or a marker.
Hint: Look at the table the fruit is sitting on. Look at the branches.
2. Can you find different kinds of lines that wiggle like in the book?

GREAT JOB, let's look at the next one!

Council Chamber, by Edward Burne-Jones



1. What lines can you find? Trace them with your finger or a marker.
Hint: Look at the floor the people are laying on. Look at the curtain that is hanging behind them.
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The Mermaid, Howard Pyle



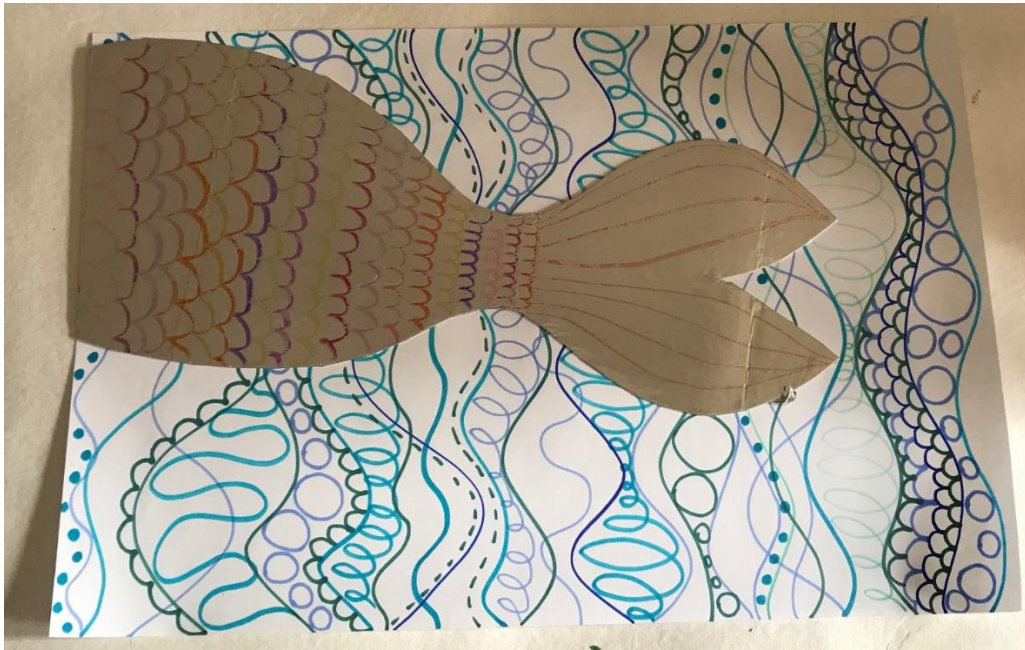
1. What lines can you find? Trace them with your finger or a marker.
Hint: Look at where the ocean meets the sky. Look at the rock behind the people.
2. Can you find different kinds of lines that wiggle like in the book?

ART APPLICATION

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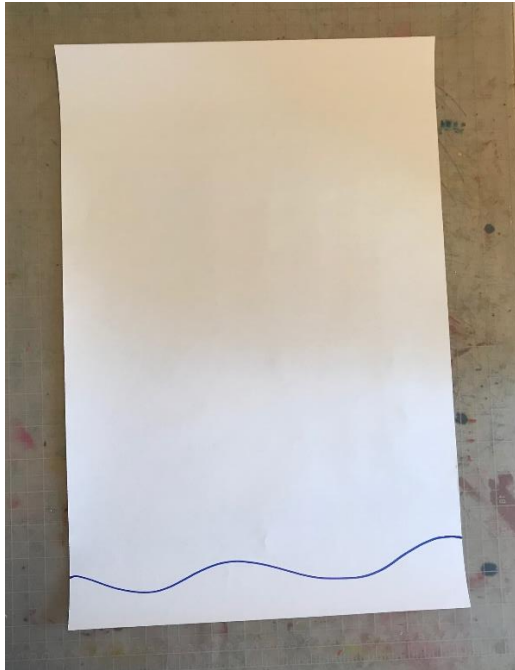
Now that we've found lots of different lines in art and learned how lines make up all the things we see, let's make a work of art with lines ourselves!

Mixed Media Line Art Mermaid

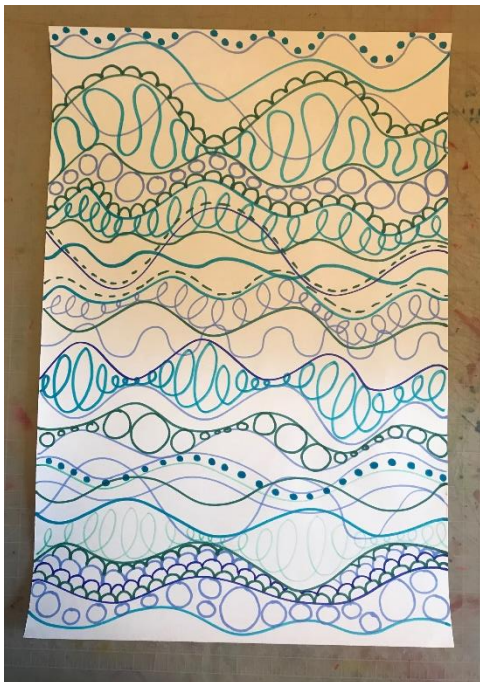


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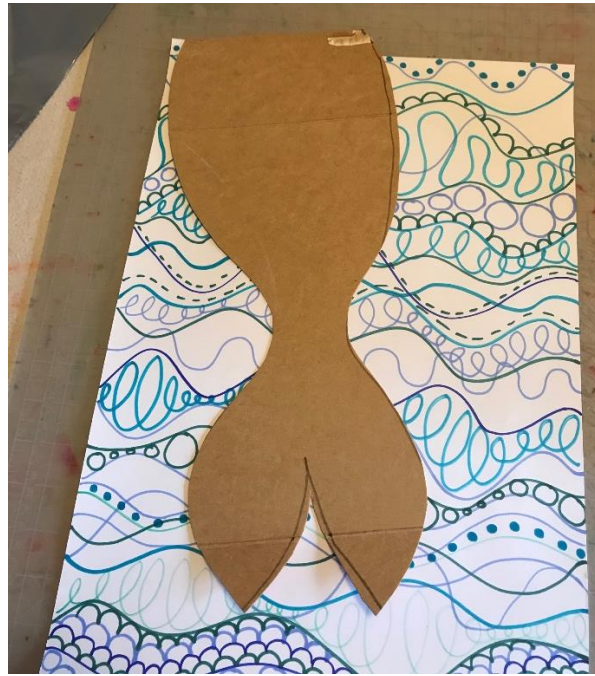
- White Paper
- Markers (or Crayons)
- Cardboard (Cereal box size)
- Scissors
- Gluestick or tape
- Aluminum Foil



1. Using cool colors (blues and greens) draw a wavy line
2. Add lots of lines, wavy, squiggling, looping



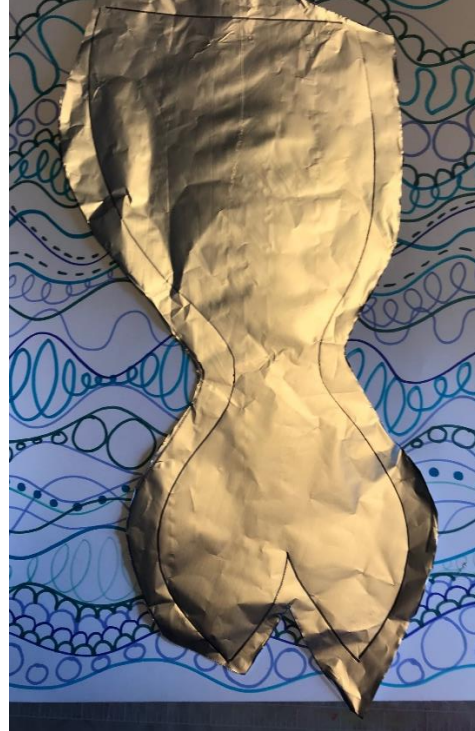
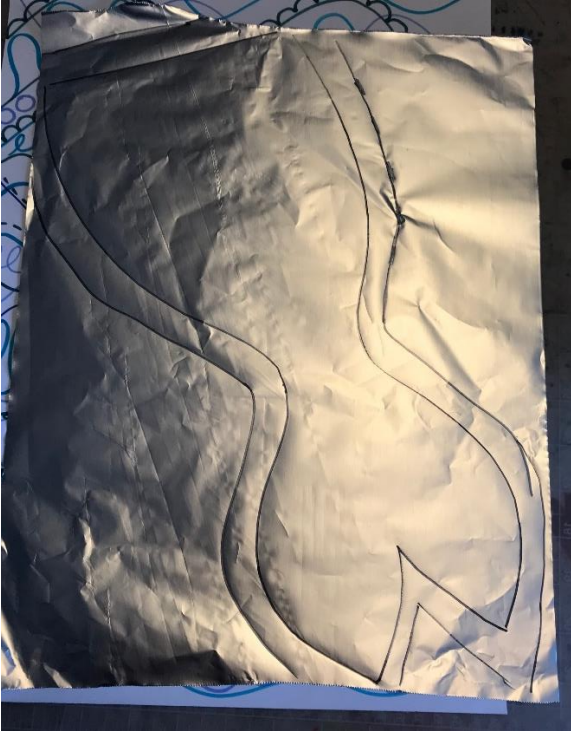
3. Keep adding lots of lines until you are happy with your background



4. Draw a mermaid (or merman, or fish tail) on a piece of thin cardboard, and cut it out



5. Tear a piece of foil that is bigger than your tail, and trace around your tail onto the foil



6. Trace around your tail again, so you have a margin about an inch wide, and cut out on your outer line



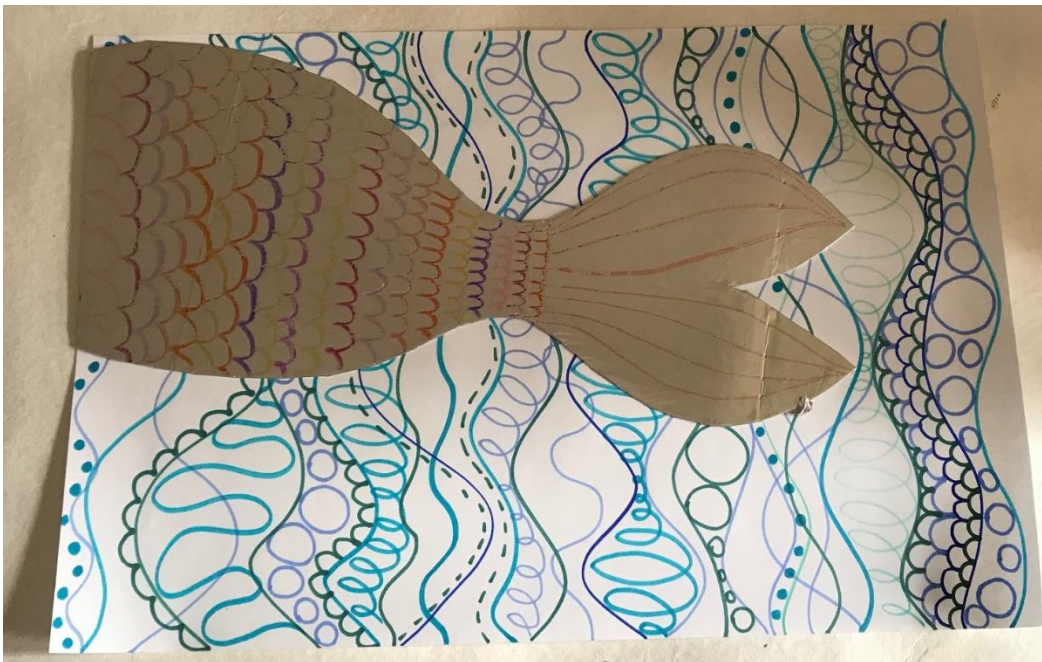
7. Glue your cardboard to the foil, make sure you are gluing on the dull side of the foil!



8. Cut tabs in the foil all around the cardboard, fold and glue tabs down to cardboard



9. Glue tail to background



10. Using either warm or cool colors (but not both) draw fish scales, also known as scalloped lines, on your mermaid tail.

Enjoy your artwork!

