

## DIY Guide: **The Shape Hunt!**



### **Who is Prabhakar Barwe?**

Prabhakar Barwe was an Indian abstract artist, known for painting everyday objects and familiar things in unfamiliar combinations and sometimes empty landscapes.

At first glance, his paintings might confuse you and not make any sense.

But the works invite you to look closely and deeply so you can make your own meanings and stories about them.

### **Go on a shape hunt!**

Barwe saw interesting forms in everything around him and could create pieces that gave these forms and items entirely new meanings. Let's try a game of hunting for shapes and creating our own artworks now.

### STEP 1

Head out to your nearest garden or park and gather objects that have interesting shapes and forms. It could be anything: from a unique leaf or nut to a pebble.

### STEP 2

When you come back, find things around your home to add to this collection - an apple or an okra cut in half, disposable forks and spoons (or sporks!), U-clips from your stationary, interesting buttons or anything else.

### STEP 3

Now take a fresh sheet of paper and make a composition using all these items. You can use paint and make prints using some of these items, or you can directly stick these items on your work surface. Add other components using colours and pens. Get imaginative and see what your items could be used to represent or create. Could the teeth of a comb resemble a fence? Could buttons be turned into eyes?

To get you inspired, here are two compositions we made using some household items. What do you think?



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