

## Still Life / GRADES K - 12

An Activity inspired by Georges Braque's *Still Life on Red Tablecloth*

Georges Braque (French, 1882-1963) *Still Life on Red Tablecloth*, 1936, oil on canvas, 38 1/4 x 51 in. (97.2 x 129.5 cm), Gift of R.H. Norton, 47.46

**Georges Braque** (pronounced "brock") was a French painter and sculptor. Along with Pablo Picasso he developed an art movement called Cubism. One characteristic of Cubism was that artists used shapes to show objects from different angles in one image. What shapes can you locate in the artwork?

**MATERIALS IN YOUR KIT**

- 9x12 watercolor paper
- Watercolor kit
- Crayons
- Pencil

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Using the materials provided, find objects in your house and outdoor space that have three characteristics: texture, shape and color. Find 3 objects that interest you and place them onto a table in a creative way. Now inspired by Georges Braque's artwork, draw and paint your own still life. Start your drawing from one view, then change seats, and draw from another viewpoint. What looks different? After you have drawn the objects from all sides, use watercolor to paint the shapes as boldly as Braque did, and share your cubist masterpiece! How have the objects changed in your painting? Can you recognize the objects? How are they different? Try this activity with a friend or family member and share your creations with each other.

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