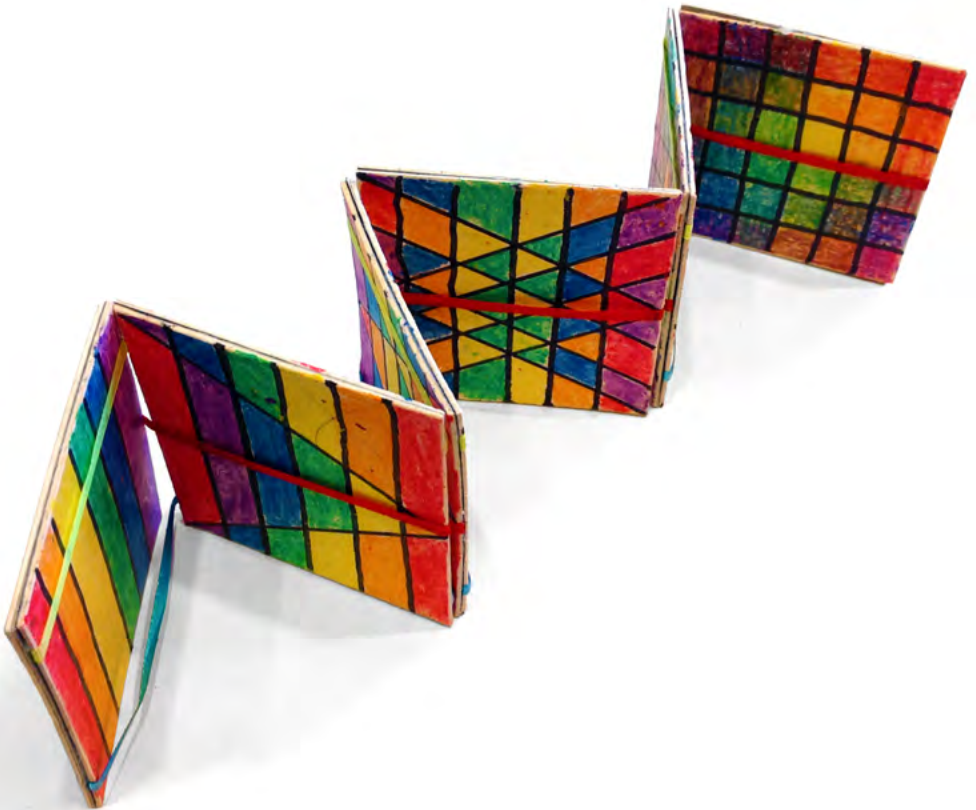




Chain Reaction

Make a collaborative tumbling tile toy.



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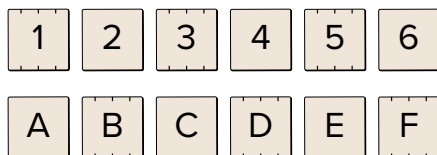
A Chain of Inspiration

Artists often look to the work of others for inspiration. For the exhibition *Reply All: A Visual Thread*, we tried to create a chain of inspiration. Twenty-one artists each received a square panel and a number in line. A picture of the first artist's work was sent to the second artist, who made their work in response. A picture of the second artist's work was sent to the third artist, and so on, like a visual game of telephone.

You, too, can play this game. All you need is a companion and the materials in this kit.

Let's get started...

Pull out the 12 tiles in your pack. Divide them in two groups of six. Mark one group 1-6 and the other A-F. Use the template on the next page to mark three dashes on the top and bottom of 1, 3, 5, B, D, and F.



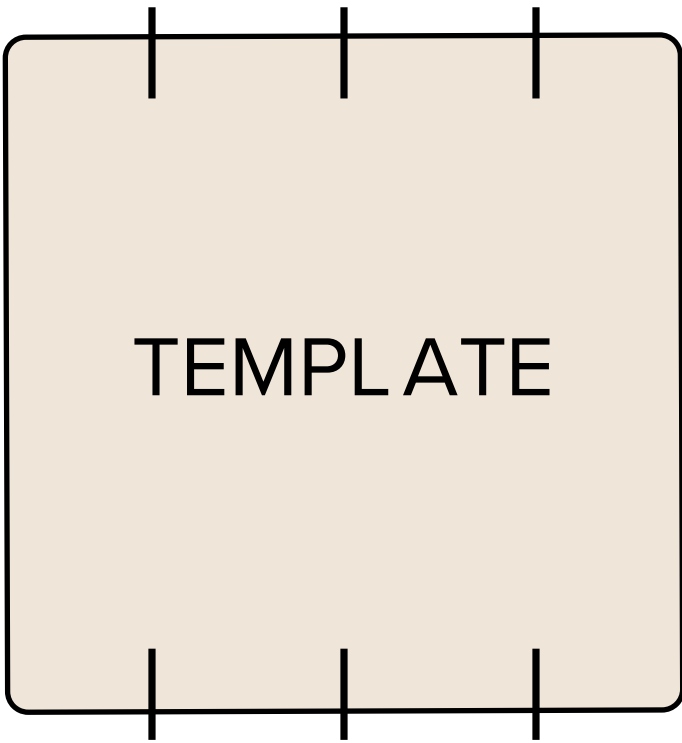
Susan Reynolds Smith, *Nature's Bounty*



Carol Emmons, *Senescence*



Karen Hertz-Sumnicht, *Reply Sent*

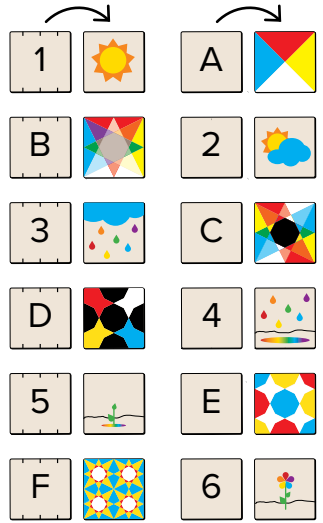
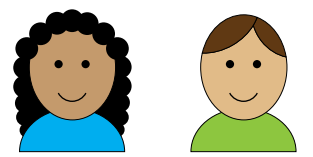


Take tile 1 and give your companion tile A. You should each flip the tile over horizontally, like you are turning the page of a book, then draw a picture on the blank side.

Exchange drawings.

Next, take tile B and give your companion tile 2. Flip each tile over horizontally. On the blank side, draw a picture inspired by your companion's first drawing.

Keep repeating this exchange until all the tiles are filled. You should draw on all the tiles with dashes while your companion will draw all the tiles without dashes. When put back in order, you'll have two chains of related drawings.



Assembly

1. Place tile 1 so the number is upside down, and tile A so the drawing is up. In the illustrations, color indicates the side of the tile with the drawing.

2. Spread glue over tile 1.

3. Place the ribbons across the two outer marks on the top and the middle mark on the bottom.

4. Press tile A firmly in place on top of tile 1, sandwiching the ribbons.

5. Lay a toothpick over each ribbon. These will act as spacers, making sure the ribbon is loose enough to let the tiles tumble.

6. Fold the ribbons across tile A.

7. Place tile B upside down on top of tile A.

8. Spread glue on tile B.

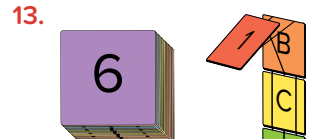
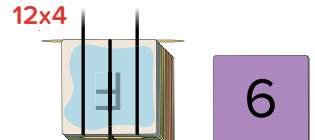
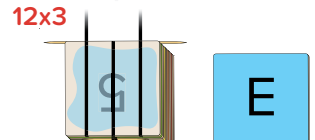
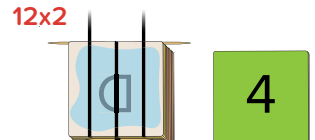
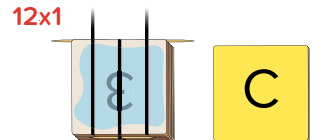
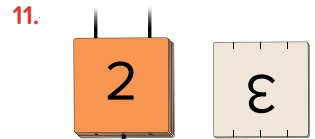
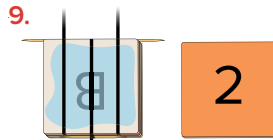
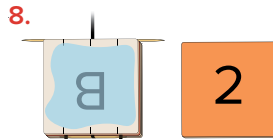
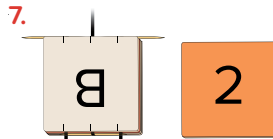
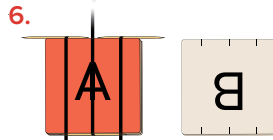
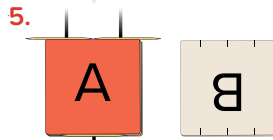
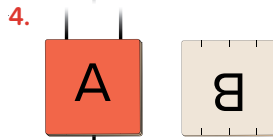
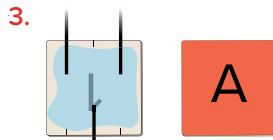
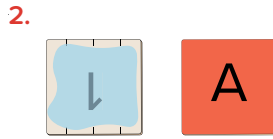
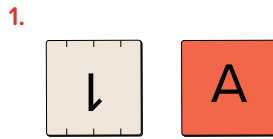
9. Fold the ribbons across tile B. Pull them tight, but not so tight that the tooth picks slip in between the tiles.

10. Press tile 2 firmly in place on top of tile B, sandwiching the ribbons.

11. Remove the toothpicks.

12. Repeat steps 5-11 four more times.

13. Trim the ribbons.



Tilt the top tile back and forth to start the others tumbling.

Visit the Family Art Day page on our website for a full assembly video.