LESSON PLAN
“Palm Springs Art Museum Everyday Environments”

OBJECTIVE: Go outside and observe the colors, patterns and textures you find in your local environment.

MATERIALS:
• 2 sheets of identical sized paper
• extra paper for sketching
• pencil & eraser
• Crayons, markers, colored pencils, and/or paint

MOTIVATION:
• This lesson is inspired by the work of Karen Kitchel. Her attention to the environment and everyday landscapes encourages careful looking at the nature around us.

Step 1: Introduction
Go take a walk! Observe and explore your surroundings, looking for interesting textures, colors and other patterns in the natural environment.

Step 2: Sketch
Document your walk by sketching anything that catches your eye.

Step 3: Choose your favorites
After your walk, review your sketches and select one or two of your favorite images to recreate.

Step 4: Paint or Color
For each image you select, draw your impression of the patterns and textures you see and add color using your crayons, markers, colored pencils, and/or paint; use a separate piece of paper for each image.

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