

Family Resource : Water Lines

Introduction

Gallery 1 shows the artwork of artist Shahana Rajani.

Her work explores how drawing and painting can help coastal communities stay connected to the river.

In Karachi, Pakistan, people that live by the sea are worried about the changes happening around them. The dams and canals that people have built are stopping the river from reaching the sea, and places they care about are disappearing.

The communities use drawing and painting to help them remember the river, even when they can't be there anymore.

Shahana is interested in what's happening to these communities and how they stay connected to the river.

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Materials



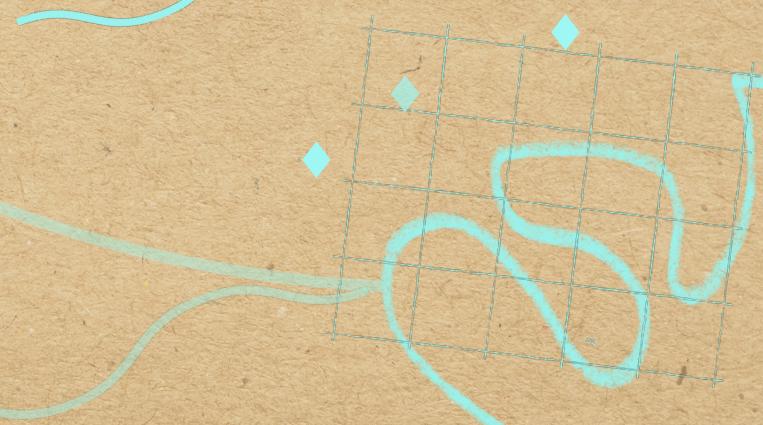
Flat pack boat



x2 Water Pens



Roll of Cloth



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Activity:

Open up the boat.

Lift the two triangles and attach them to the sides of the boat with the velcro.

Hold or lie the boat down so you can see the mirrors inside.

What do you notice about the reflections?

What lines and shapes can you see?

How you can make different kinds of lines and movements?

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Activity:

“Like the infinite waves of the ocean, each drawing line is alive, moving, breathing.” Shahana Rajani

Think about the reflections and lines you made with your boat. Think about the way that water moves.

Unroll the cloth. With your water pen make marks on the cloth.

Can your drawing lines keep moving? Where do they meet?

Watch what happens as the water dries – your drawings will slowly fade away.

As they disappear, what do you remember?

