

META ART! CREATE ART THAT INCLUDES THE ARTIST

Let's get inspired by Annie Pootoogook's drawing *Composition (Drawing of My Grandmother's Glasses)* and create your own meta artwork.



Annie Pootoogook, *Composition (Drawing of My Grandmother's Glasses)*, 2007. Oil paint stick on paper, Overall: 125 x 244 cm. Purchased with the assistance of the Toronto International Art Fair 2007 Opening Night Preview, and with the Financial Support of the Canada Council for the Arts Acquisition Assistance Program, 2008. © The Estate of Annie Pootoogook / Dorset Fine Arts 2007/243.

What do you see when you look at this drawing by Annie Pootoogook? It's a really BIG drawing when you see it in person. Why do you think the artist decided to make a really big drawing of something small and ordinary that she saw around her home? You can see what looks like the

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artist's own hand drawing a pair of glasses. We know from the title, the glasses belong to her grandmother. Why did you think Pootoogook included her own hands drawing in the picture?

Maybe the drawing is reminding us that the artist needed to draw it for it to exist in the world. Sometimes when we're looking at art we forget about the person who made the art. It's like Pootoogook is saying, "Hello! I'm here! I made this drawing; see, that's my hand creating a drawing of my grandmother's glasses." Art that reminds us about how it was created is sometimes called "meta art". Meta means something that refers to itself. For example, how the artwork was created and its creator becomes part of the artwork.

Can you create an artwork that includes you as the artist in the artwork itself?
Don't be invisible, remind viewers who created your art!

Meta Art Ideas:

- Take a photograph of yourself taking a photograph.
- Create a drawing of yourself drawing.
- Paint a painting of yourself painting.
- Write a story about yourself writing a story.
- Make a sculpture of yourself sculpting.
- Compose a song about composing a song.
- Create a play about creating a play.
- Make a dance about dancing.

What other ideas can you imagine? Get creative and use the materials and supplies you have at home to create your meta art. If you have a phone or camera you can take videos and pictures. If you have paint, you can make a painting. If you have clay or Plasticine or recycled materials you can make a sculpture. Grab some paper and a pencil and get drawing, writing and composing! Be imaginative with the materials you have and have fun making Meta Art!

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