



Artist: Anne Appleby (Ashinaabe) from her exhibition, *A Hymn for the Mother* on view at MAM August 6–December 31, 2021

Artwork: *Chokecherry*

Age range: The whole family!

Create: Art inspired by **Anne Appleby's work and process** using simple materials found in the home.

Chokecherry, 2020, oil and wax on panel, courtesy of the artist.

Materials: Anything that you can use to create color: crayons, cray-pas, watercolors, colored pencils, markers or chalk, and any kind of paper, scissors if you have them.

Prompt: Appleby lives in a remote area in Montana and connects with her natural environment every day through close looking. In this work she has observed a chokecherry tree and isolated the colors she finds there. In this project, you can make a piece of art with the colors you find in nature.

Instructions:

1. Take your materials outdoors if you can. Choose a plant or tree to observe. **Sit and look at it for five full minutes.** What colors do you see? **Alternative:** if you can't go outside, try looking through a window, or at an image or photo. Try to be very specific about where you see each color and notice subtle differences, for example there might be two slightly different shades of brown in the bark.
2. **On your paper, outline 6 squares of equal size.** You can use a ruler, find something square to trace. Or draw freehand, whatever feels right to you. The squares don't have to be perfect!

3. **Color in a square for each color you identified.** Try to replicate the colors you see it as closely as you can using the materials you have. You might wish to layer or blend the colors as Anne Appleby does.
4. When you are done coloring in the whole of each square, **use your scissors (or tear) to cut out the squares.**
5. **Arrange them in a pleasing order. Try several different compositions until you find one you like.**
6. **Share your art** using the hashtag #saturdayswithMAM and tag us @missoulaartmuseum.