

Nancy Erickson, *Toklat Wolves: Patience*, 2005, satin, fabric paints, machine stitched, appliqued and quilted, approx. 64 x 25 inches each, MAM Collection, copyright the artist.

**Artist:** Nancy Erickson, from her exhibition, *Reclaiming (a Post-Nuclear) Eden* on view Jan 26 - May 22, 2021

**Artwork:** *Toklat Wolves: Patience*

**Age range:** The whole family!

**Create:** Art inspired by *Toklat Wolves: Patience* using simple materials found in the home.



**Prompt:** Nancy Erickson is an artist, an environmentalist, and an activist who paints, draws, and stitches extraordinary fabric constructions in her home studio nestled in the mountains overlooking Missoula, Montana. She is interested in animal / human relationships. This artwork, *Toklat Wolves: Patience* is a cut out, in other words, the black background you see here is not a part of the artwork. Another word for this is silhouette.

**Materials:** Work with adults to find some fabric you can use for your art. This could be an old pillowcase, outgrown clothing, maybe something with an interesting texture. You will also need one or more markers, and a pair of scissors. Optional: sewing materials like needle and thread.

#### Instructions:

1. **Brainstorm** with your adults: what is an animal you love and respect? What are the qualities of this animal that you admire? For example, is your dog loyal? Is your cat loving? Are horses intelligent? Are these are qualities you also have, or aspire to have?
2. **Rip or cut your fabric** until you have a flat piece.
3. **Draw an outline (silhouette) of your animal** on one piece of your fabric. Ask someone to hold it for you while you draw with your marker. Once you have the outer shape you can add other details with your marker.
4. **Now cut out the animal you have drawn.** If you like, you can place the animal silhouette on a contrasting piece of fabric that has a different color or texture.
5. **You can use your markers to draw meaningful symbols, images, and words on your animal** as Erickson has. If you have sewing materials, you can use those here too.
6. **Share your art** using the hashtag #saturdayswithMAM and tag us @missoulaartmuseum.