



## Lines and Letters



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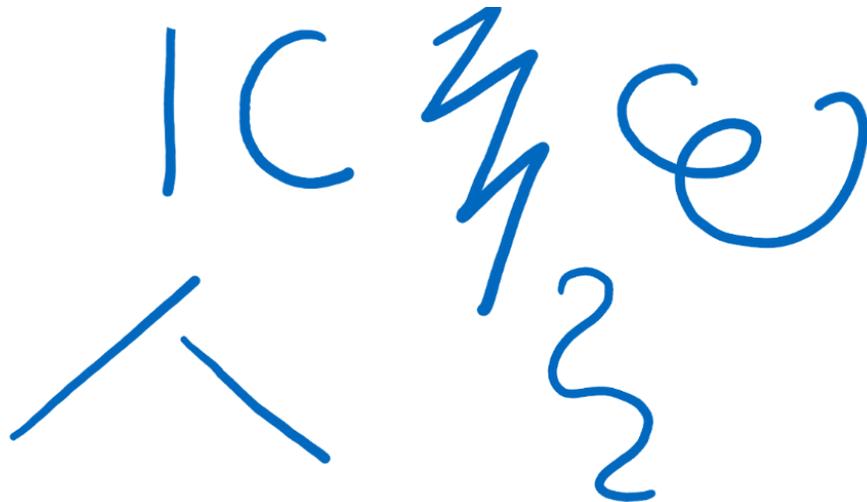
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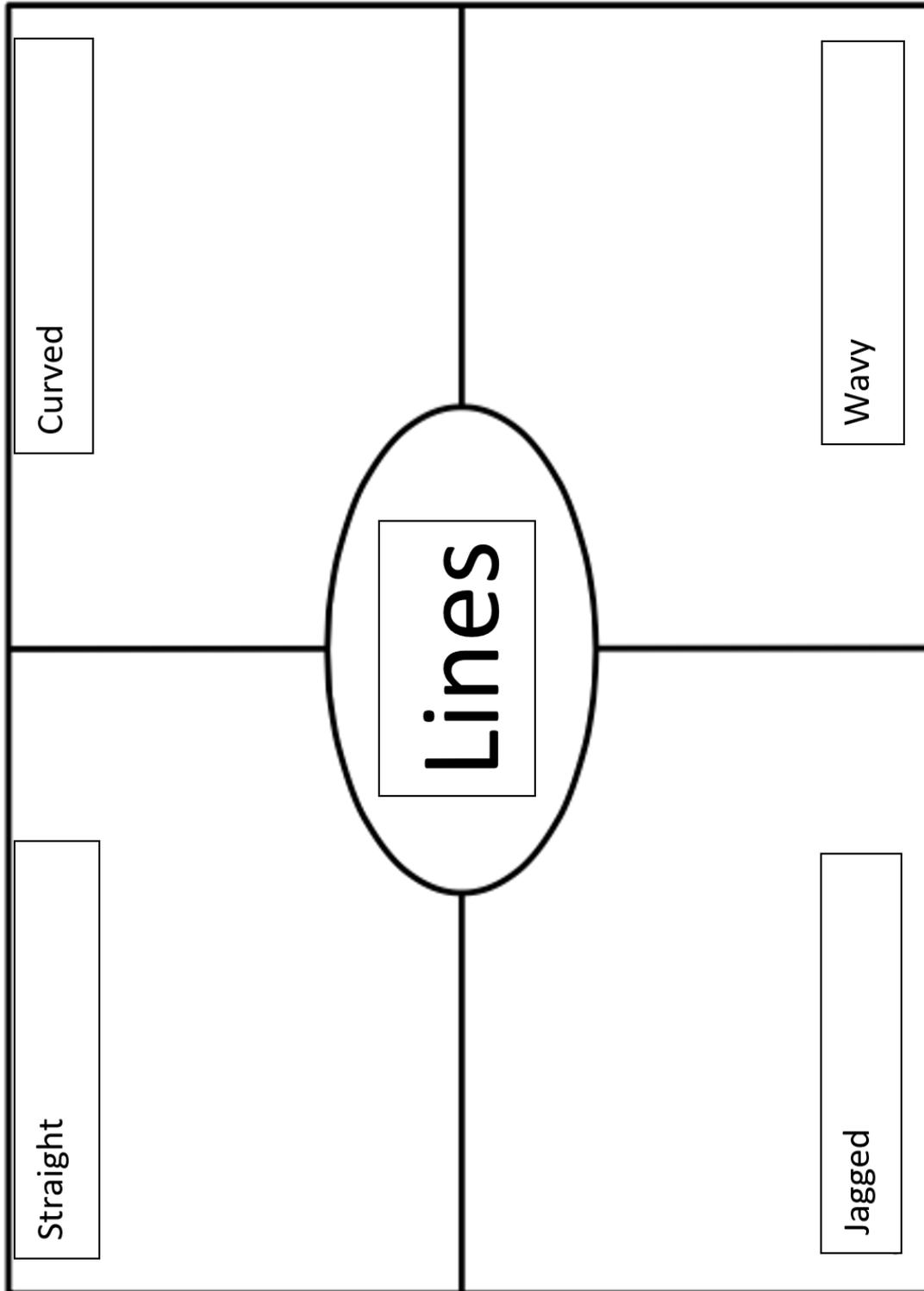
The **elements of art** play an important role when talking about art. The marks an artist make in their artworks are called **lines**. Lines are one of the most important elements of art. Art begins with a simple dot in space that transforms into lines and then drawings or paintings. There are a lot of different kinds of lines. What lines can you think of?

Use the placemat below to experiment with different lines.

Draw as many lines as you can.

Practice making straight lines, curved lines, jagged lines and wavy lines.



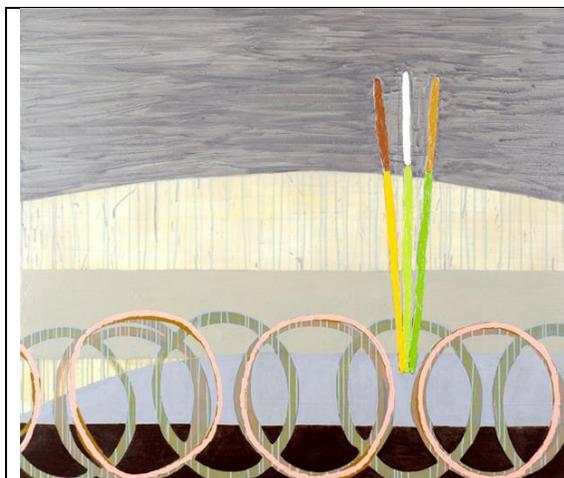


## Closer Look

There are so many great pieces of art in PAMA's art collection that use lines. Let's take a look!

Use the artwork below to answer the following questions.

- What lines do you see?
- Do the two paintings use similar lines or different lines?
- Do you see any letters in the art? Which ones?



David Bolduc (Canadian, 1945-2010)  
Dover Rain, 2001  
acrylic on canvas



Alex Cameron (Canadian, 1947-)  
Dominion Day #2, 1983  
watercolour on paper

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## Make your Own

Now that you've looked at lines and practiced making lines, let's see how we can put them together to make letters.

What lines make up your name?

For example, in Angie you can see straight lines and curved lines.



## Put it Together

Make your own art using lines and letters.

Using a blank piece of paper, try and break down the letters of your name into simple lines. Then put them together. Give it a try!



## Extension Activity

Visit PAMA's virtual art exhibitions and examine how lines are used by different artists.

Pick a few pieces to talk to about with your class.

PAMA's Virtual Art Exhibitions

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