



Primitive 1981, Private collection, Melbourne.

Howard Arkley painted ordinary things around him. He often used an air-brush (spray paint) to paint with. He saw graffiti on suburban walls.

What can you see in this painting?



Muzak mural - chair tableau 1980-81
National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne.
Michell Endowment, 1982

Howard Arkley used stencils to create patterns. Sometimes the patterns are geometric. He saw bright lights at the disco.

What do these patterns remind you of?



Family home: Suburban exterior 1993.
Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne. Purchased, 1994.

Howard Arkley used pictures from magazines and house advertisements for ideas. He painted with bright colours. He lived in Melbourne. Do you live in a house like this?



Floriated residence 1994. The Vizard Foundation Art Collection of the 1990s, Melbourne. Acquired 1994. On loan to Ian Potter Museum of Art, the University of Melbourne

Howard Arkley saw colours, lines and patterns everywhere and filled his paintings with them. The surface of this painting is smooth and glossy. How many patterns has he used here?



Fabricated rooms 1997-99
Corbett Lyon and Yueji Lyon Collection of
Contemporary Australian Art, Melbourne.



How is your eye for detail? Look and see...

1. Twin lights on a single stand
2. Autumn leaves by a pool
3. Blue spotted curtains
4. Purple patterned flowers on a pink background
5. A bird on a branch
6. Hundreds of circles on a wall
7. Four matching one-legged chairs
8. A light with four curved arms
9. A purple and green outline on a mat
10. Three or more books
11. Four or more triangles
12. Five or more different colour blues

Look for colours, lines and patterns
in your home and street

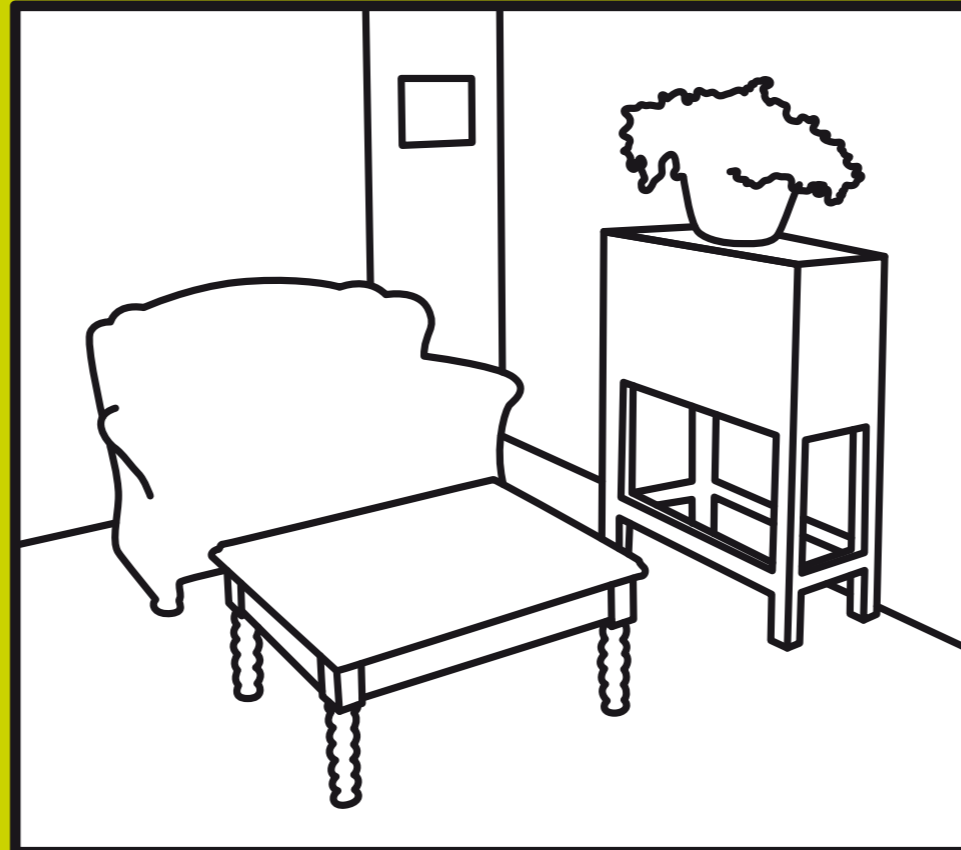
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At home, use markers to complete the picture
in Arkley style!



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An activity sheet for children and families
to explore the *Howard Arkley* exhibition

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