

Worksheet: Exploring Exhibitions: How are artworks displayed?

This scavenger hunt is designed to help you become familiar with various ways that artworks can be displayed in gallery settings. You will go to the Craft In America website and visit three gallery installations where you find at least one example of the descriptors listed below. When you find an example that fits the description, check the accompanying box and circle the letter (a, b, or c) of the exhibition in which you found it.

Visit the traveling exhibitions below:

- a. *A Nation of Makers*: www.craftinamerica.org/objects/a-nation-of-makers
- b. *Art and Other Tactics: Contemporary Craft by Artist Veterans (Vietnam War - Present)*:
www.craftinamerica.org/objects/art-and-other-tactics-contemporary-craft-by-artist-veterans
- c. *Art and Other Tactics: Contemporary Craft by Artist Veterans (WWII – Present)*:
www.craftinamerica.org/objects/art-and-other-tactics-sfmcd

Note that each exhibition is housed in a gallery space. See how the space's original walls are used. Also notice how "temporary" walls have been placed to divide the open space of the gallery into smaller spaces.

As you view these exhibitions, pay attention to different ways to display artworks. Check the box next to the descriptor and indicate where you found the example by circling a, b, or c.

- Large artwork hanging alone on wall. Found in a, b, c ?
- Artwork(s) displayed under a vitrine (clear glass or plastic display case). Found in a, b, c ?
- Interpretive labels (labels with more than identification information). Found in a, b, c ?
- Artwork(s) displayed on floor, without pedestal. Found in a, b, c ?
- Use of the ceiling for displaying artwork(s). Found in a, b, c ?
- Group of artworks on wall. Found in a, b, c ?
- Clear plastic pedestals for displaying small artworks. Found in a, b, c ?
- Wall Text (information often found on the wall at the entrance to an exhibition). Found in a, b, c ?
- Artwork(s) displayed on wall shelf. Found in a, b, c ?
- Three-dimensional artwork displayed alone on cube protruding from wall. Found in a, b, c ?
- Low pedestal (approximately 8-10 inches from the floor). Found in a, b, c ?
- Three-dimensional artwork displayed alone on pedestal. Found in a, b, c ?
- Portable walls used to divide the gallery space. Found in a, b, c ?
- Jewelry displayed on a human-like form. Found in a, b, c ?
- Opportunity for viewers to be interactive. Found in a, b, c ?
- Group of pedestals; each holding one or more artworks. Found in a, b, c ?