

ABSTRACT BALL PLAYER

Picasso used all sorts of weird and wonderful shapes in his paintings. He did not paint realistic pictures that showed exactly what things looked like. You can make a Picasso-style painting by finding shapes in scribbles!

WHAT YOU NEED
Paper • Fine pen
Heavier pen
Colored pens

GALLERY

Ball Players on the Beach 1928
PABLO PICASSO (1881–1973)



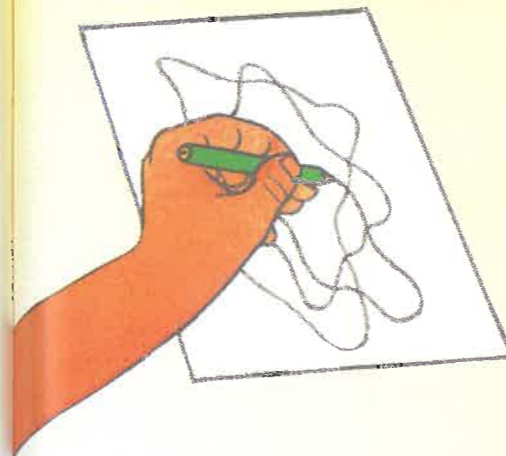
SHAPES

Look at the person drawn in black in the background. How is this one different in shape from the main person painted?

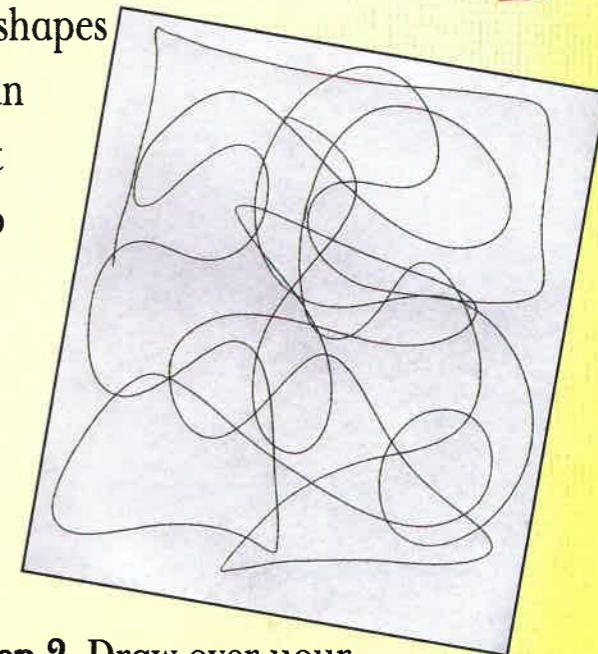
BODY

Look at the person playing with the ball. Can you figure out which bits are arms and legs?

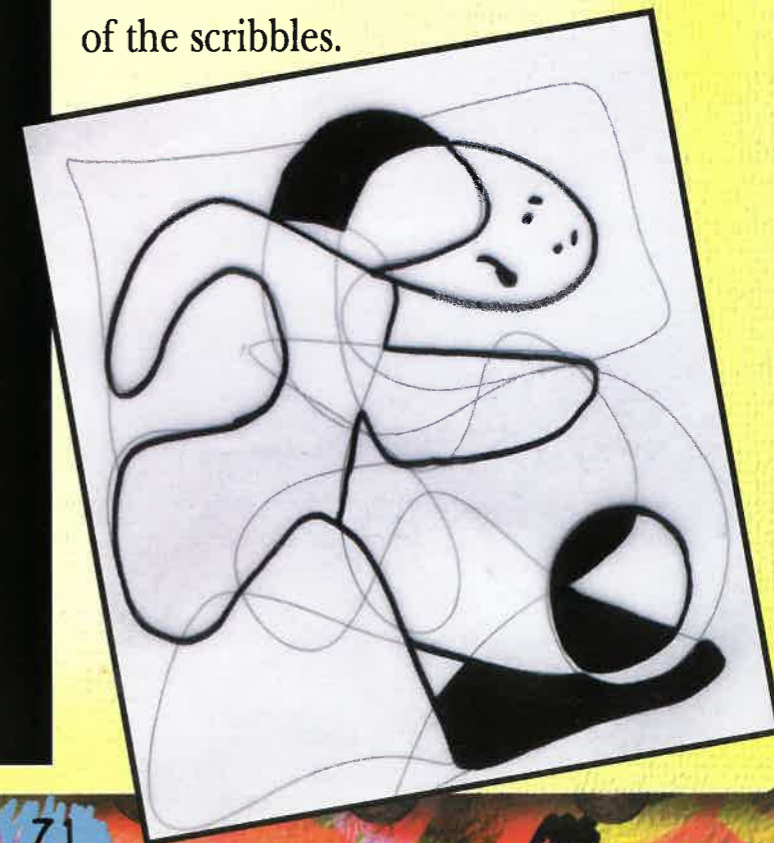
PROJECT: FINDING SHAPES



Step 1. Make some scribbles on a piece of paper using a fine pen. Take some time to look at the shapes you have made. Can you see shapes that could be made into figures or balls?



Step 2. Draw over your figure in a heavier pen. You could also color it in following the lines of the scribbles.



The Spanish artist Pablo Picasso changed how people saw art in the last century. He created paintings, sculptures, drawings, and ceramics that were all unusual or different from the work of other artists at that time. He used his imagination because he did not want his art to be realistic, like a photograph. When you look at one of his paintings, it may take you some time to figure out what some of the things in them are!

