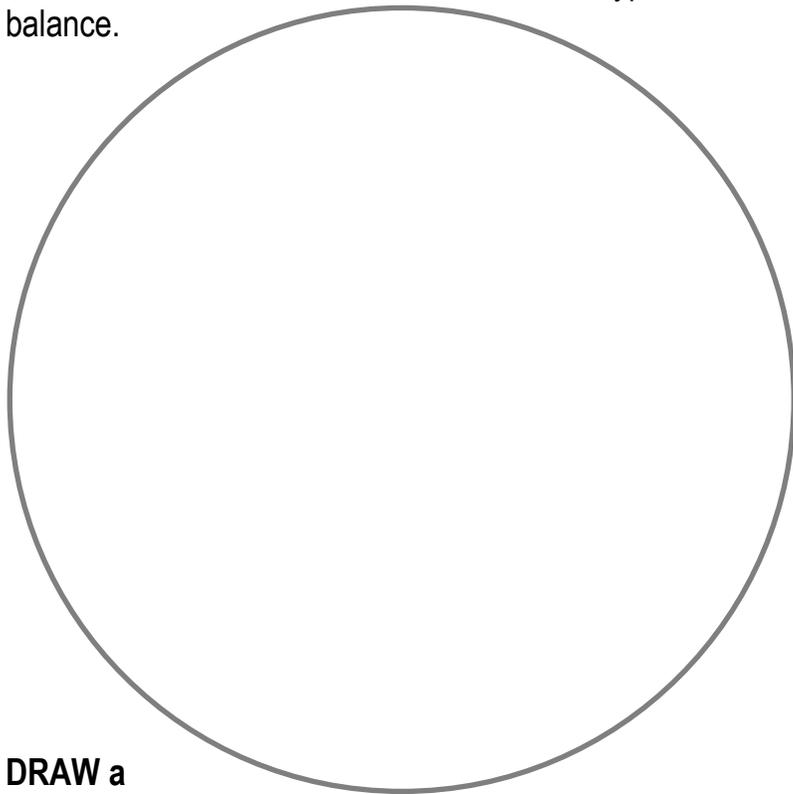


Shapes and Balance

2nd floor Regnier Center west, Contemporary Latino Art hallway

Have you ever folded paper in half to make a heart, or a butterfly wing? How about folding it more than once to make a snowflake? If you have, you know how to create **symmetry** in art. Symmetry is something we see in nature, flower petals are just one example.

Balance is another word for symmetry, when something is the same on both sides. If you imagine a seesaw, two small shapes might balance with a large shape on the other side of a painting. There are works of art with faces, and you can look carefully to see how artists use shapes, lines, textures, and colors to create different types of visual balance.



DRAW a symmetrical design of your own. Find these examples:

Images, top to bottom:

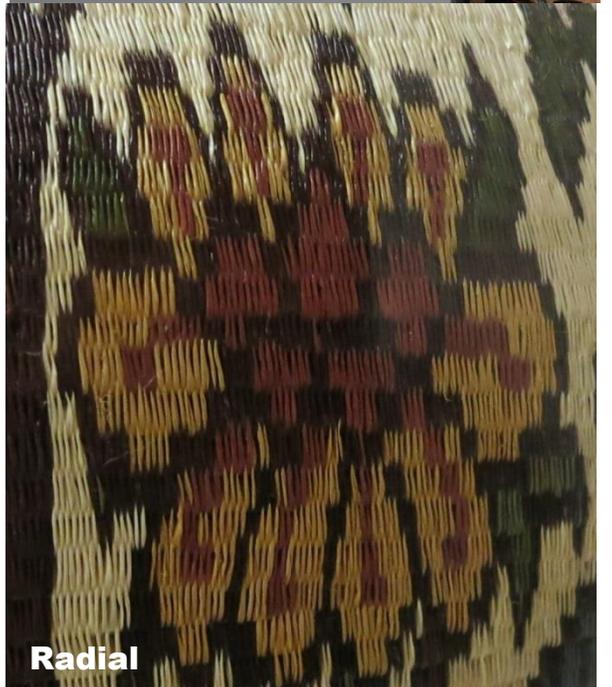
Alberto Bautista Gómez (Mexican, d. 2007) HINT: walk all the way down the west hall.
Jaguar (detail), 1970 – 1980
Clay

Eulalia Cabezon (Panamanian, Wounaan)
Untitled (detail), 2005
Palm leaf and natural dyes

Irvin Trujillo (American, b. 1955)
Bumblebee (detail), 2006
Natural dyed wool and silk weft and warp



Bilateral



Radial



