

SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

Wee Wednesday: Lines

Book: *Nola's Scribbles Save the Day* by Cristina Lalli

Art: [*Lower Body Wrapper \(kain panjang\) with Design of the "Broken Dagger on Dark Background" \(parang curigo latar cemeng\) Motif, Javanese*](#)

Composition of Red and White: Nom I/Composition No. 4 with red and blue, Piet Mondrian

String Painting

Materials

- Paint, either homemade or store bought (see recipe below)
- Different types of string
- Paper, cardboard, or another surface to paint on



Instructions for Making Paint

- Combine ¼ cup of flour, ½ cup of water, and ¼ tsp of salt in a bowl. Mix well with a utensil to combine.
- Separate the mixture into different containers according to the number of colors you plan to make. Add a couple of drops of food coloring, spices, or liquid watercolors to each container and mix well.
- To make taste-safe paint, heat the flour in the microwave for 30 seconds on high before mixing it with the other ingredients.
- This mixture will make enough for three to four colors.

Instructions for String Painting

- Dip your string into the paint and drag, drop, or press it onto your paper or other surface. Experiment with different types of string and techniques to create different kinds of lines, shapes, and textures.
- Examine which types of lines you see in your painting when you are finished creating!

Additional Book Suggestions

[*Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson](#)