

Landmarks Guide for Younger Children



Michael Ray Charles
American, born 1967

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Wooden crutches, steel armatures,
and steel cables

Subject: Repeating Patterns

Activity: Make a pattern with
rubber stamps

Materials: Rubber stamps, color
inkpads, paper

Vocabulary: Pattern, shape

Introduction

Patterns are used to create designs. Stripes on a t-shirt or square windows on a building are examples of patterns. Look around and see if you can find a pattern.

Sometimes artists use only one shape to create a large work of art. Michael Ray Charles made this sculpture using only wooden crutches. He bolted the crutches together then hung them from the ceiling.

Questions

What shapes do you see?

What patterns do you see? How are they made?

How many crutches make up a wheel?

Can you find the single crutches?

Activity

Make a pattern with a rubber stamp. Try stamping several repeating rows, or stamp in a circle. Use different inks to make it colorful! How many different patterns can you make?

Michael Ray Charles, continued



BTW

Michael Ray Charles formed the star shapes to look like spokes on a wheel.



Vocabulary

Pattern - A repeating line, shape, or color

Space - A circle, square, triangle, or any other type of form



Artists with Related Works

Nancy Rubins, Sol LeWitt, Casey Reas