Do you like to solve puzzles? Do you fancy yourself a “gumshoe”? Then join me on an art adventure in the European Galleries here at the DMA. Together, we can crack the case!

Finding Your Way at the DMA: Tips for a Fun Family Visit

- **Less is more.** Make your visit child-size and focus on just a few works of art that spark your child’s curiosity. Don’t feel like you need to see everything in one day. General admission at the Museum is always free, and you can return again and again!

- **Make it an adventure.** Pass the reins to the kids and follow their interests! Let them choose where to go and what to see, and then give their imaginations a workout. You might search for favorite colors or animals, act out a story you see in the artwork, or play a game of *I Spy*.

- **Take a break.** Little legs tire out easily in this big museum. Feel free to take a seat on a bench or even the floor as you spend time with a work of art. If your child is feeling extra wiggly, go to the Center for Creative Connections and visit Arturo’s Nest, a “please touch” space where kids can crawl, climb, and play.

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**Meet Arturo!**

Arturo, the DMA’s family mascot, is based on a ceramic vessel from Peru that is more than 1,000 years old. The artist was probably inspired by the colorful macaws of South America. Look for this parrot-shaped container in the Ancient American Galleries on Level 4.
ELEMENTary, My Dear Watson!
The elements of design are the building blocks used to create a work of art. Some of the elements are LINE, COLOR, and SHAPE. Let’s investigate these elements at work in *The Divers* by Fernand Léger.

- Find a squiggly, curvy, straight, rigid, and wavy line.
- How many colors are in this painting?
- What shapes can you identify?
- Mix LINE, COLOR, and SHAPE together—what do you think is happening in this painting?

Surreal-ly Mysterious
Search for *Apparitions* by Yves Tanguy near the works of art you have already found. Tanguy’s paintings are mysterious to some people because the landscapes and the objects in them seem to be unidentifiable, out of place, or oddly arranged. What unusual or puzzling things do you see in this scene?

Imagine you are inside the world of this artwork . . .

- What do you see around you?
- What do you smell, hear, and taste?
- What do you feel?
- How might you describe this place to someone who is not here?

Riddle Me This, Riddle Me That
Artworks can sometimes be puzzling. Artists might give us a hint, but they also want us to find answers on our own. Solving the following riddles will lead to three works of art. Try reading them aloud to a friend, and then discover where your answers take you!

1. I tend to fret when you string me along, but play with me and I’ll sing you a song!
2. My colors are red, yellow, and blue
   Over the canvas straight lines pass through!
3. Which came first, the chicken or me? Look at the sculpture by Brancusi!

Super sleuthing, Junior Detective!
YOU’VE EARNED YOUR BADGE!
At home, draw your picture in the badge and ask an adult to cut it out for you.