



## **Educator's Vault Lesson**

**Artist: Ida Kohlmeyer**  
**Grade Level: Elementary**

### **Inspiration:**

With your students study and observe the print, *Four for the CAG* from the AMoA Educators Vault.

What can students identify?

Explain that the print is abstract. Ida Kohlmeyer developed a distinctive “vocabulary” of shapes and symbols for use in her art. Some of these are found in the print, *Four for the CAG*.

Ask the students what they think the artist was try to convey to the viewer.

### **Process:**

1. Hand out copy machine paper to each student, divide the paper into quadrants. Instruct students to freely draw a large circle in any of the four quadrants.
2. Next draw a wiggly line, filling the space, third draw a shape with three sides, and last a shape with four sides.
3. To complete their personal vocabulary the student should add lines and shapes to each quadrant.
4. Using printing styrofoam, students should tape their drawing on the styrofoam, and using a ball point pen, firmly trace their images on the styrofoam.
5. Students can now remove the paper, and using water soluble markers, color directly on the styrofoam plate.
6. Prepare watercolor or print paper for printing, by lightly spraying with water and blotting the wet paper.
7. Now press the paper to the plate and rub firmly with a wooden spoon.

You may also use a brayer and printers' ink to create the image.