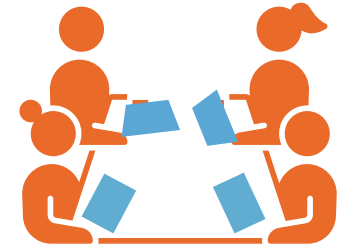
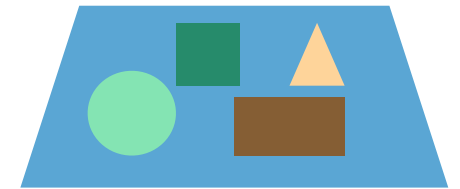


Christian Robinson's illustrations in *Last Stop on Market Street* use colors, shapes and patterns to tell the story of a bus ride that ends with a gathering of friends and strangers at a table to eat.



Inspired by Robinson's illustrations of the cafeteria trays used at the table, make a placemat with colors, shapes and patterns.



## GATHER:

- a rectangle piece of paper, bigger than a plate size.  
(use a grocery bag, construction paper, or even cardboard)
- crayons or markers
- scissors
- paper scraps
- glue



## MAKE:

1. Design what your placemat will look like. Decide what shapes you will draw on the paper or cut out of other paper and glue on.
2. Draw outlines of shapes like spoons, forks, food, drinks on the placemat or on scrap paper that you will cut out and glue to the placemat.
3. Color any patterns you want to be on the shapes.
4. Cut out any shapes outlined on the scrap paper.
5. Glue your cut paper shapes to the big rectangle placemat.
6. Decorate with any designs or words you want.

A placemat sits under a plate when you eat.  
A placemat creates a special place at a table.  
A placemat can be art.