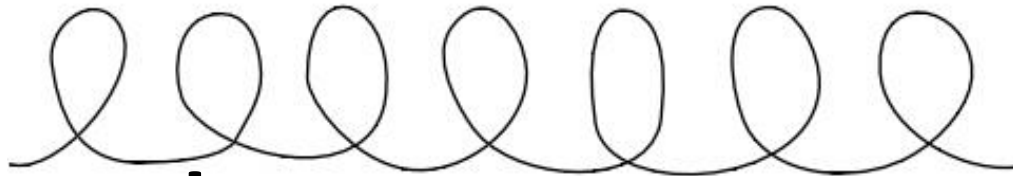




Wavy



Bumpy



Loopy



Zig Zag



Dashed



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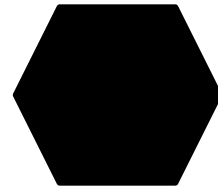


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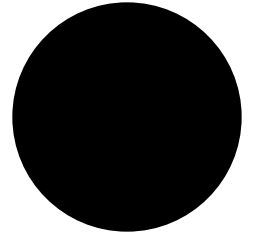


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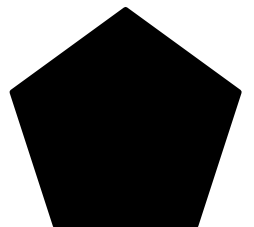
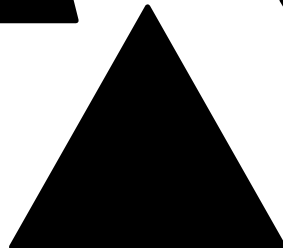
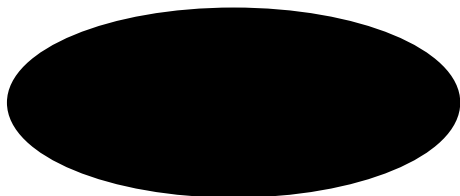
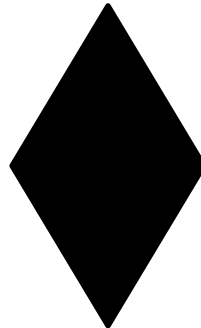
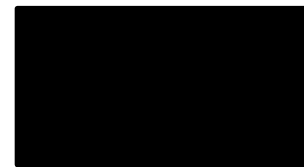
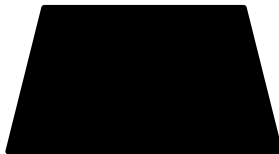
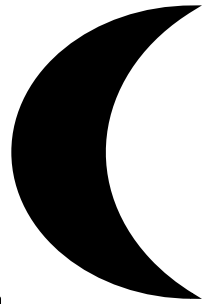
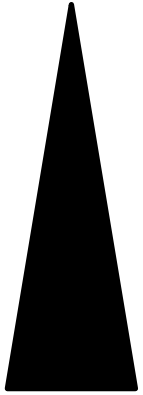
Shape



Geometric



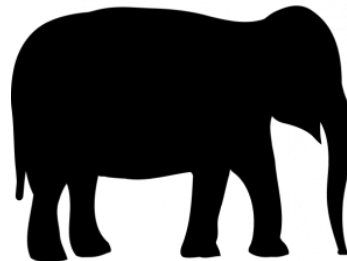
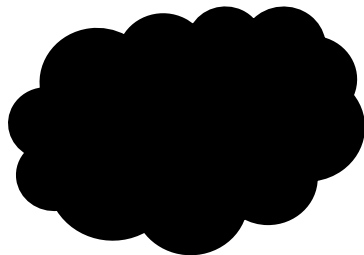
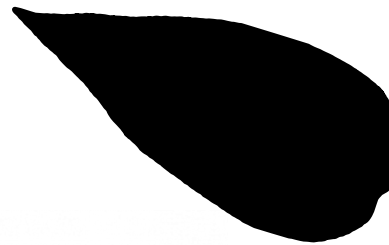
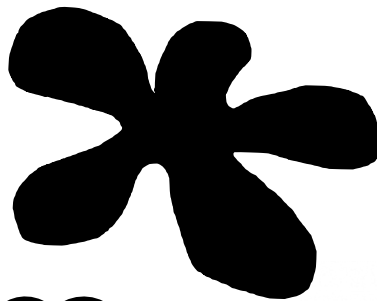
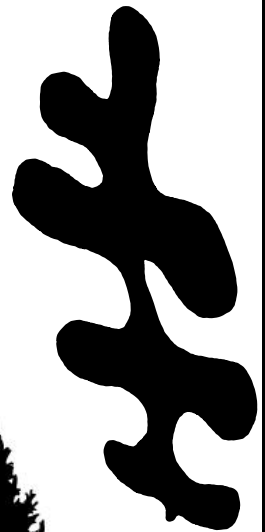
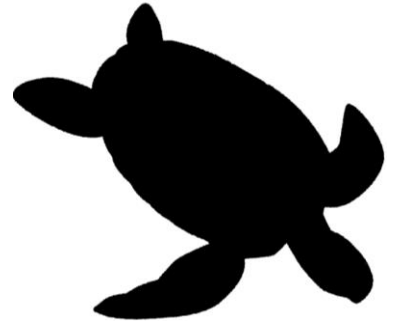
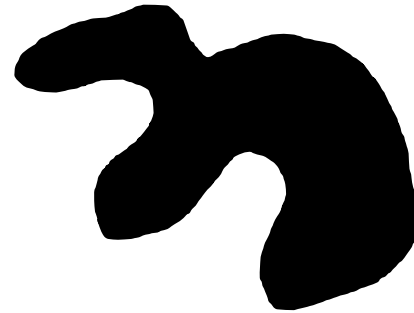
Geometric shapes such as circles, triangles or squares have edges made with a tool (ruler, compass...) and usually are not found in nature.



Shape

Organic

Organic shapes have lots of curvy edges and are shapes we can find in the natural world, like plants and animals.



National Hispanic Heritage Month

(September 15 to October 15)

From mid-September through mid-October, America recognizes the contributions, culture, and heritage of Hispanic Americans.



The traditions and experiences of Hispanic Americans help make the United States a diverse and exciting place to live.

Oaxacacan Wood Carving



Mexican Folk Art



- Oaxaca is a valley in the southern Mexican State of Oaxaca.
- Wood carvings made in the Oaxaca Valley are a form of Mexican folk art.

- The imaginary animals carved out of wood and painted by the Zapotec Indians of the Oaxaca Valley are called alebrijes.





- The artists carry branches of a special kind of tree down from the mountains everyday, to use for their carving.
- The ideas for the alebrijes come from the imaginations and superstitions of the artists.

- Myth and magic are a large part of the daily life of the Zapotec Indians.
- The alebrijes are usually carved by men, and then painted with bright colors by women.



Fox



Panther



Rabbit





Turtle



Iguana



Vocabulary

- **Oaxaca**: a valley in the southern Mexican State of Oaxaca.
- **Folk art**: artwork created by a culture, or group of people, who have not been trained to be artists.
- **Alebrijes**: brightly colored sculptures of imaginary animals.
- **Form**: 3-dimensional shapes.
- **Repetition**: lines, shapes, colors which are repeated to make a pattern.

Resources

<http://www.oaxacafinecarvings.com>

<http://www.vivaoaxacafolkart.com>

<http://oaxaca-travel.com>