

## Modern Makings

Peek around every corner until you find a large wooden table and chairs.

Architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed this dining table and chairs to go inside a house he also designed, called the Robie House, after its original owners.

The Robie House is only a few blocks away from here. You can see a picture of the house in front of the table.



Frank Lloyd Wright, *Dining Table and Six Side Chairs*, 1907–1910, oak, leaded colored and opaque glass, ceramic, leather slip seats, 55 5/8 x 96 1/4 x 53 1/2 in.



Wright used long straight lines, simple flat forms, and natural materials when he designed buildings or furniture. These things reminded him of the tall grass prairies that grow in the Midwestern United States.

Looking at the small picture of the Robie House in front of the table, what things about the table and the house are similar (or the same)?

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What things are different?

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Think of some shapes or colors that you really like and chairs or another piece of furniture here.

Make sure there is a seat for everyone in your

like and design your own table

family.

There are some other things nearby that were also once used in a home.

Find something used to tell time and draw it here.

If you could have one artwork from this gallery to use in your house, which one would you choose?

Like Frank Lloyd Wright, other **modern** artists used simple shapes and colors in their artworks. Look around the gallery for some artworks like this.

Find a huge painting of two large rectangles. What are the colors of the rectangles?

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Many modern artists made **abstract** art. It was not important to them to make a picture of something look exactly as it appeared in the world around them. Instead, they focused on the elements of art, such as line, color, or shape.



What is your favorite abstract painting in this gallery?

Sketch it here so you can remember what the painting looks like.

(Don't worry if your drawing doesn't look exactly the same as the artwork you chose.)