

Art and Picture Books: Early Learning Activity

This sculpture represents a petal from a lotus flower. It stands 12 feet tall! There are many different ways to measure how tall something is—you can use a ruler, your hands, a pencil, or just about anything else you could find. Most of this sculpture's surface is smooth, except for some cracked lines near the bottom.

What textures can you find around your home or school? Use pencil or crayons and paper to create texture rubbings of various surfaces.



Yoko Ono. *Mended Petal*, 2016. Gift of the artist and Project 120 Chicago.

PICTURE BOOK CONNECTIONS

“Inch by Inch” by Leo Lionni

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If the inchworm in “Inch by Inch” were to crawl across and measure this sculpture, it would count 144 inches.

Make an inchworm out of paper. Use it to measure your bed, your favorite chair, or the tallest person in your family or your class at school.

Related Illinois Early Learning Standards (PreK-K)

Learning Standard 2.D

Establish personal connection with books.

Learning Standard 7.C

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