

# Shapes in Art

You can find 2-D shapes in art. 2-D shapes are used in paintings. You can also see them in **sculptures** (SKULP-churs) and in **mosaics** (mo-ZAY-iks).



These mosaic benches were designed by Antoni Gaudí. They are in Barcelona, Spain.

## LET'S EXPLORE MATH

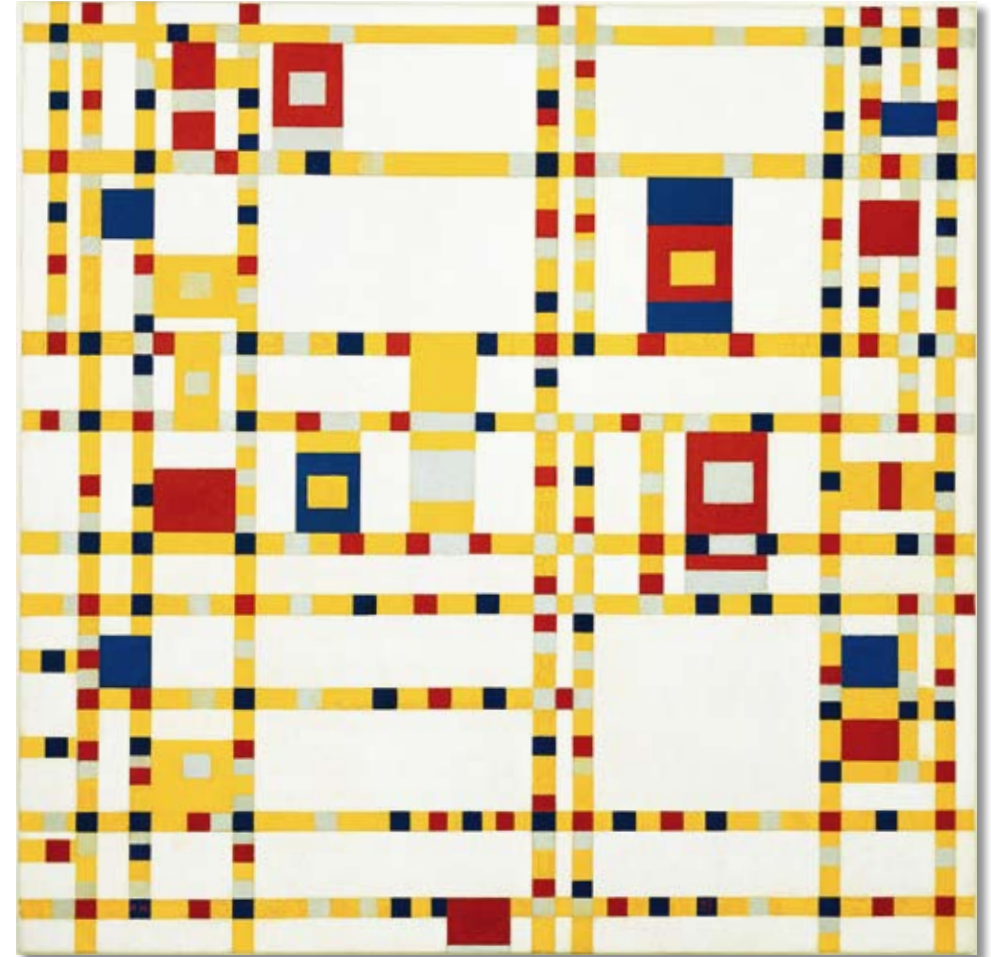
Look at this flag.

- Name the red 2-D shape.
- Name another 2-D shape you can see.
- What 2-D shape is the whole flag?



## Paintings

This painting has squares and rectangles. The artist was thinking about Broadway, a busy part of New York.



Mondrian, Piet (1872-1944) Broadway Boogie Woogie. 1942-43. Oil on canvas, 50 x 50". © 2008 Mondrian/Holtzman Trust c/o HCR International, Virginia U.S.A.

This painting is called *Broadway Boogie Woogie*.

This painting is made up of irregular 2-D shapes. The shapes are in a **spiral**. The spiral is supposed to be a snail's shell.

This painting is called *The Snail*.



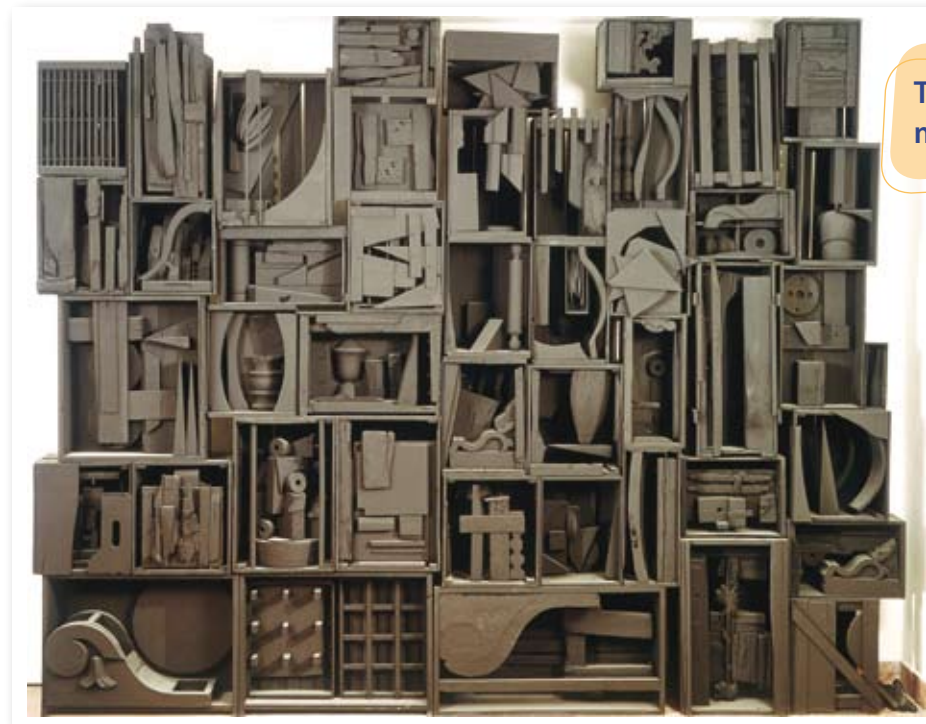
© Desc: L'Escargot Artist: Matisse, Henri: 1869–1954: French

### Cubist Art

Cubism is a famous art form. Some cubist art uses 2-D shapes. Often, the shapes are broken up. They are put together again to make a picture.

## Sculpture

What 2-D shapes can you see in this sculpture?  
Louise Nevelson, an American sculptor, made it.



This sculpture is made of wood.

Nevelson, Louise 1899 (or 1900)–1987. "Sky Cathedral III", 1960. (Assemblage made from 95 parts). Wood relief, painted. 300 x 354 cm. Private collection.

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Look at the picture above.

- a. Can you find 15 squares?
- b. Can you find 3 circles?
- c. Can you find 8 triangles?