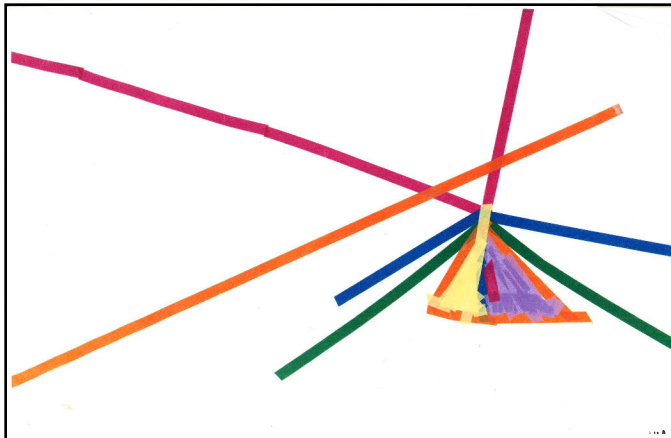
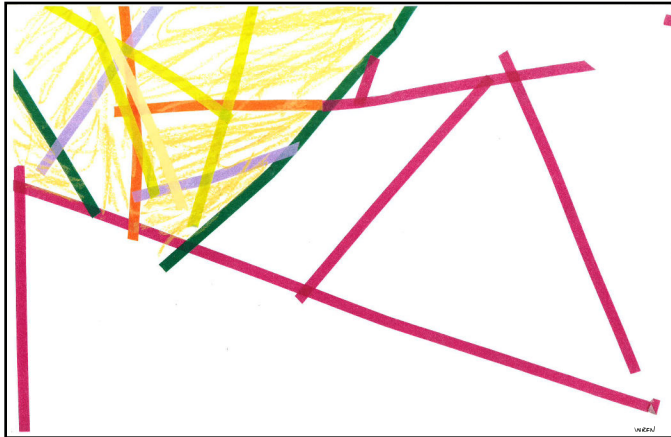


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At the end of November we started to see the children create a new kind of artwork. An interesting development occurred: children who were well out of the kinesthetic scribbling phase of toddlerhood began making deliberately abstract art. It did not seem regressive or random, however, but a sophisticated way to explore space by revisiting abstraction. One of the earliest observations of this style was early on the morning of Nov. 30th, 2017. Wren (top) & Lila (bottom) used washi tape on 11x17 papers to create sprawling linear shapes. Kalei wanted to provoke this style again & research geometry alongside the children. She invited frequent figure drawers Josie, Ruby, Margaret, & Wren to form a small group in the piazza. Kalei offered them plastic shape pieces, pens, & graph paper to see what it might provoke.



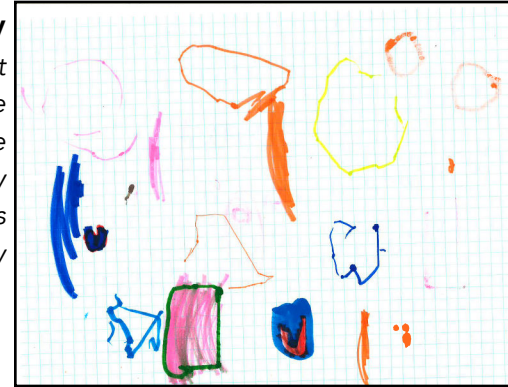
Josie

- reached in the container to lay shapes out immediately
- traced with ease
- proceeded to uniquely fill in each shape



Ruby

- was very quiet
- spent time observing Josie
- worked slowly
- selected shapes carefully



Margaret

- became comfortable using her dominant hand despite injury
- named shapes
- preferred rich colors



Wren

- particularly interested in diamonds
- 1st to draw shapes free-hand (brown diamonds, upper was 1st attempt)

