


## Anna Von Mertens

### Glass, Metal, Thread: Building Our Observable World

## Scavenger Hunt

<p><b>Search</b> the <a href="#">exhibition</a> for something that surprises you. <b>Describe</b> and <b>draw</b> what you found.</p>	<p><b>Find</b> the drawings by the front door titled <a href="#">Remnants</a>. These drawings are inspired by elements—such as iron, silver, and gold—formed by exploding stars, known as supernovas.</p> <p><b>Look</b> closely at these drawings. Do you recognize anything you see? Why do you think Von Mertens used metallic pencils on black paper?</p>	<p><b>Find</b> the <a href="#">Shape/View</a> series of five quilts. Von Mertens created quick, gestural drawings in chalk before slowly hand-stitching each line onto the fabric. Why do you <b>think</b> she used fabric and thread?</p> <p><b>Select</b> one quilt to focus on. Try to quickly <b>draw</b> what you see, moving your whole arm. Then take your time to slowly <b>draw</b> what you see.</p> <p>How did each process feel? What did you notice while making both drawings?</p>
<p><b>Analyze</b> an <a href="#">artwork</a> of your choice. If the colors, textures, shapes, and materials were each a different sound or instrument, what might they be? <b>Write</b> your responses in the space below.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	 <p>UNIVERSITY GALLERIES of Illinois State University</p>	<p>What three words would you use to <b>describe</b> the <a href="#">exhibition</a>? <b>Write</b> the words in the space below. With a partner, <b>compare</b> your responses.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p><b>Go</b> to the small window gallery featuring drawings from the series <a href="#">100 Emojis</a>. <b>Select</b> one drawing. Which emojis has Von Mertens drawn in this image? What do these emojis have in common?</p> <p>Using your phone or an iPad from the front desk, <b>arrange</b> 3 or 4 emojis to create a stacked pattern, as seen in <i>Tumbling Blocks (100 Emojis)</i> and <i>Elements (100 Emojis)</i>.</p>	<p><b>Select</b> an <a href="#">artwork</a> to focus on. <b>Look</b> closely at the lines, colors, shapes, and textures in the artwork. How are these elements arranged? What materials did the artist use to create this work? With a partner, <b>discuss</b> what you think the artwork is about based on your observations.</p>	<p><b>Find</b> the series of seven black-and-white drawings titled <a href="#">Artifacts</a>.</p> <p>Closely <b>look</b> at the <a href="#">smallest drawing</a>. It is a drawing of a photograph of the stars. The other six drawings show enlarged areas of this work.</p> <p>Can you <b>match</b> each of the other drawings with sections of this drawing?</p>

Use the back of the paper for extra drawing and writing room.