with the Art Gallery of New South Wales
Fantasy meal
Artists love to create. Still-life arrangements of food, dishes, bowls and table settings have inspired artists for hundreds of years. The shapes, folds of cloth, and different angles of the objects challenge the artist’s drawing and painting skills. And because the objects don’t move, the artists can take time to perfect their artworks.

Do you love to draw, paint and make things?

What is your favourite food? Imagine your best friend is coming to share a delicious meal with you. What food would you prepare?

above: Laurens Craen Still life with imaginary view c1645–50, oil on panel, Art Gallery of New South Wales, gift of Sir Arthur Downes in memory of his uncle JF Downes and of his cousin FWA Downes HLA 1929. Photo: © AGNSW

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clockwise from right:
Frank Medworth Still life 1943, oil on canvas on plywood, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Marshall Bequest Fund 1945;
Herbert Badham Breakfast piece 1936, oil on hardboard, Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased 1936 © Estate of Herbert Badham;
Abraham van Beyeren Still life with fruit, a glass and a Chinese Wanli porcelain bowl 1656, oil on oak panel, Art Gallery of New South Wales, gift of Kenneth Reed 2020, donated through the Australian Government’s Cultural Gifts Program. Photos: © AGNSW

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You will need:
Pencils
Paint and brush
Marker pens
Coloured pencils
Anything you like to draw with
Your imagination!

Draw your ideas for a delicious meal on the empty plate and add more objects for your table setting around it.