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Not only were Gari Melchers and his wife, Corinne, both artists, they enjoyed collecting art too. This particular painting is quite large—it's bigger than a king-size bed! The couple hung this colorful still life in their dining room and had to close off a door in order to make it fit. Our visitors love to find the monkey at the bottom of the painting. Monkeys were often symbols of excess or greed. Harder to find are the heads of two dogs.

It's interesting to note that the fruit and vegetables are arranged according to value and rarity. More common root vegetables like squash are on the floor while highly-prized raspberries are on the table in a pretty bowl.
CREATE YOUR OWN STILL LIFE

Using items from around your house, create a still-life arrangement of inanimate objects. Consider how light, organization of objects, and point of view will affect your composition.

Draw your still life in the space below.

Here they are!