



GARI MELCHERS



HOME & STUDIO



Market Scene, Workshop of Frans Snyders, no date, oil on canvas, 12' x 7'

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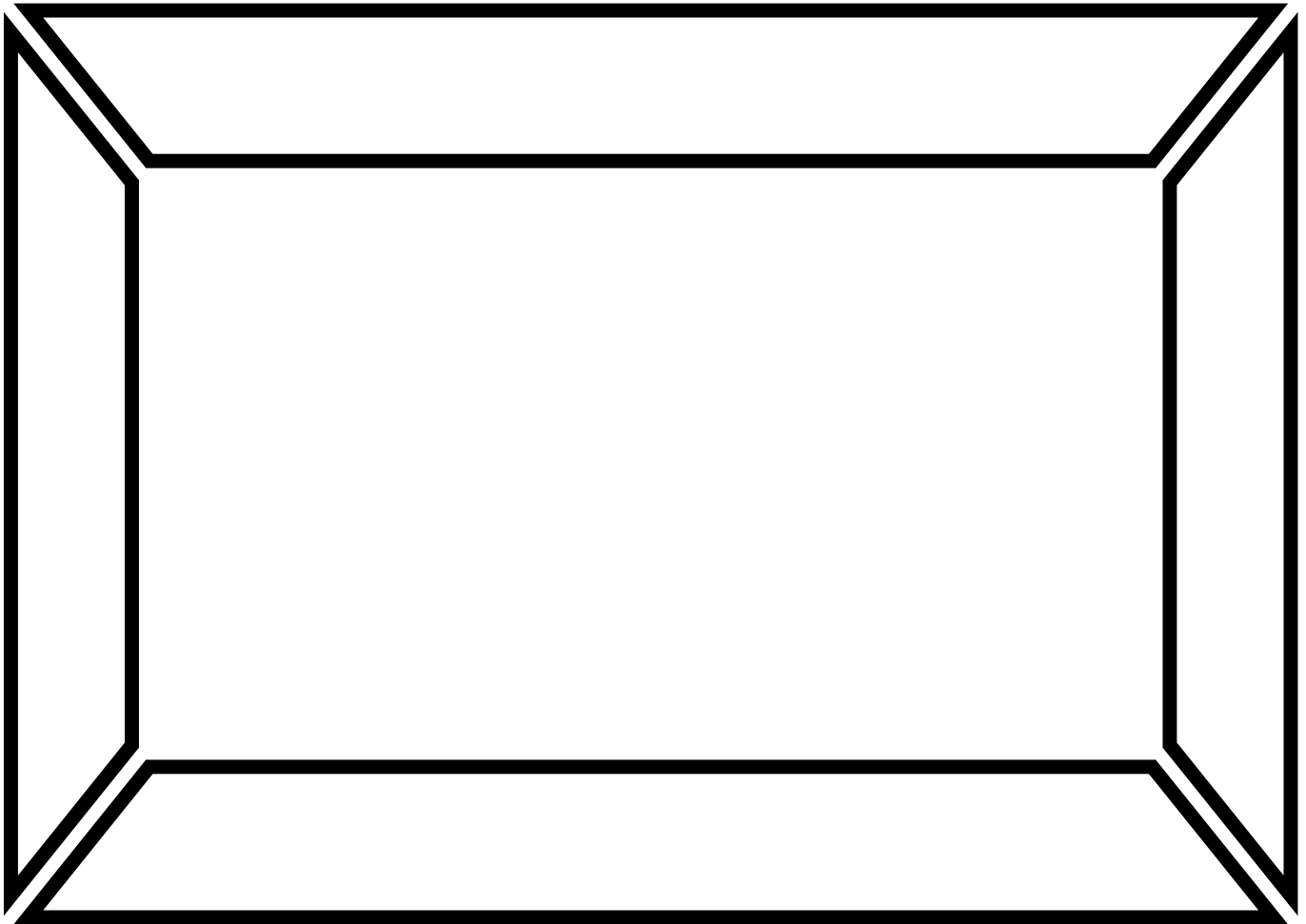
Not only were Gari Melchers and his wife, Corinne, both artists, they enjoyed collecting art too. This particular painting is quite large —it's bigger than a king-size bed! The couple hung this colorful still life painting in their dining room and had to close off a door in order to make it fit. Can you find a monkey in this 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 the house, create your own still-life arrangement. Consider how light, organization, and point of view will affect your composition.

Sketch your still life in the space below.



**Here they
are!**

