Nellie Mae Rowe’s passion to create was inspired by everyday events, friends, family, memories, and a desire to celebrate life. She often created artworks depicting her life, such as her garden, her church, and her friends. Look closely at Nellie and Judith’s Houses. What do you think is happening in this picture? Point out all of the different things you recognize in this drawing. Can you find a person on the roof, animals in the sky, and two chimneys? What else can you find?

Judith was Rowe’s friend and encouraged her to make art. What are some things you like to do with your friends? Create your own home for you and your friends or family! On a piece of paper, start by drawing some of the shapes you see in Rowe’s artwork, such as the triangle roof or the square windows. Would you add flowers such as the ones Nellie and Judith have in their houses? What else would you add to your home?

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