

El Museo del Barrio

Find:

**Jirafa rayada
(Striped Giraffe),
Gregorio Marzán,
1980s**



Jirafa rayada (Striped Giraffe), Vega Baja. Mixed media, 1980. Photo by Bruce Schwarz, courtesy of El Museo del Barrio

Turn this card over to find a hint about where I am!

COOL fact:

Puerto Rican artist Gregorio Marzán lived in NYC and created this sculpture after visiting the giraffes at the Central Park Zoo.

Cool Culture® provides 50,000 underserved families with free, unlimited access to 90 cultural institutions – so that parents can provide their children with educational experiences that will help them succeed in school and life.



Hint: Look in the large room of the Voces y Visiones (Voices and Visions) exhibit. Find the case with several animal sculptures and masks.

**COOL!
YOU
FOUND
IT!**

Now, Explore!

DURING YOUR VISIT:

- What type of animal is this? How can you tell?
- Describe how the artist decorated it. What materials did he use? Can you find where he used hair from a wig shop in Harlem?
- Does the giraffe look like a wild animal or a friendly one? How can you tell?
- Look at the other artworks with animals. How many animals can you find?

Before and After Your Visit:

Help your child create an animal from his or her own imagination:

- Construct your animal out of recycled materials like empty toilet paper rolls as the animal's body and legs, circles of cardboard for a head. Use tape or staples to hold your animal together.
- Help your child to decorate the animal with colored buttons, sequins, ribbons, or scraps of paper. Will your animal have stripes? Polka dots?



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El Museo del Barrio was founded in 1969 by a group of Puerto Rican educators, artists, parents and community activists. Today, its collections represent the diversity of art and culture in all of Latin America and the Caribbean.