



Kimbell Kids From Home

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This still life by the Spanish painter Luis Meléndez invites us to **compare** the textures and shapes of the objects artfully arranged on a simple wooden table.

Explore the different materials shown and **imagine** how they would feel to touch or hold.

Make a list of all the shapes you recognize and notice how he uses strong highlights and shadows to make the objects look so incredibly real!

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Drawing Challenge

Meléndez loved painting foods from different regions of Spain. **Look around your kitchen** to see which tasty treats would best represent the place you call home.

Play around with different arrangements of those objects and then draw or paint your own still life! Place it by a window or lamp light source for more dramatic lighting.

Tips for success: Draw to fill most of the paper. Leave the paper white for highlights. Create texture with pencil or brush marks.

Can you find Meléndez's monogram? Choose a clever spot to place your signature or monogram.

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Write, Compare, Research

Write a short story about one of these intriguing objects. Where did it come from? How was it made? What does it contain?

What is your favorite way to eat oranges? **Create step-by-step instructions** for your favorite orange-flavored recipe or another sweet treat.

Compare this still life with other examples in the Kimbell's collection—including paintings by [Anne Vallayer-Coster](#) and [Jacques de Gheyn](#).

What other delicious foods come from Spain? **Read a book** or trusted online resource to learn more!

Art in order of appearance

Luis Meléndez (Spanish, 1716–80), *Still Life with Oranges, Jars, and Boxes of Sweets*, c. 1760–65. Kimbell Art Museum

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