

APARTMENT 4

WORDS TO KNOW

Imagination/Imagine: When you think of new ideas in your head. For example, you can imagine something that is real, like what a place you have never been to looks like. You can also imagine things that do not exist, like imaginary people, places, animals, and objects.

Character: A person, animal, or creature in a story.

History: The story of things that happened in the past.

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EXPLORE *APARTMENT 4* TOGETHER!

Artist Iris Häussler (House-ler) uses her **imagination** to create **characters** and tell stories in her art. She learns about **history** because her imaginary characters live in a place and time that are real.

Apartment 4 is a work of art that you can walk through. Using the rooms of the John Michael Kohler home, Häussler created a space that looks like the apartment her **character** Florence could have lived in from 1927 to 1942 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In Häussler's story, Florence is missing. You are invited to look around her apartment and try to find clues about where she might have gone.

The back room of the apartment is where Florence created her artwork. A room where you make art is called a **studio**. Florence felt the most comfortable in her studio, and liked to spend a lot of time there.

She used ink and dye to change the color of fabric and add color to her artwork. When Florence was a nurse in World War I, she saw things that were scary and sad. Florence used her artwork to show how she was feeling.

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As you explore *Apartment 4*, can you find clues that tell you:

- What Florence knows how to do?
- That Florence was a nurse?
- Which objects are important to Florence?