

Louise Zhang

Scholar Rock Portals

Meet the Artist

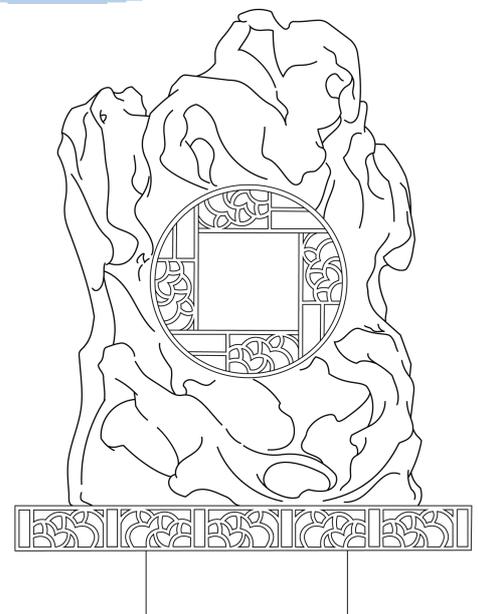
Louise Zhang 张露茜 is a Chinese-Australian artist working in painting, sculpture and installation. Louise creates artworks inspired by Chinese mythology, history and culture, using a mash-up of symbols and images to create her own personal and cultural identity.



Did you know...

early Chinese migrants that settled in the Southern Highlands created traditional Chinese market gardens? Market gardens are like small farms to grow and sell vegetables and fruits.

'Scholar Rock Portals' was influenced by the architecture of traditional Chinese Gardens and also acknowledges the market gardens of the Southern Highlands.



Your turn!

Louise invites you to walk around her sculptures and spot all the different elements that have inspired her.

Hint... some sections can be seen in a number of different ways!



Moon gates

A circular passageway which acts as a portal to other realms



Scholar rocks

Rocks with unusual shapes and special qualities. They inspire us to think about the landscape



Lattice windows

Beautiful designs based on many symbols of luck such as certain animals, mythical creatures or plants.



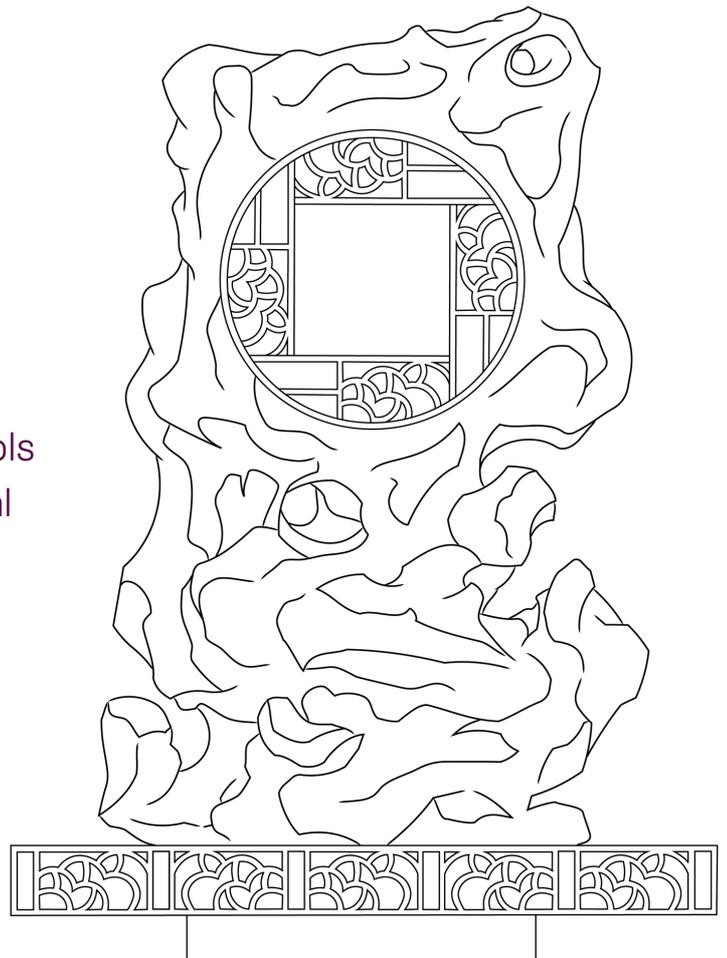
Cabbage

One of the more popular vegetables grown in the market gardens in the Southern Highlands



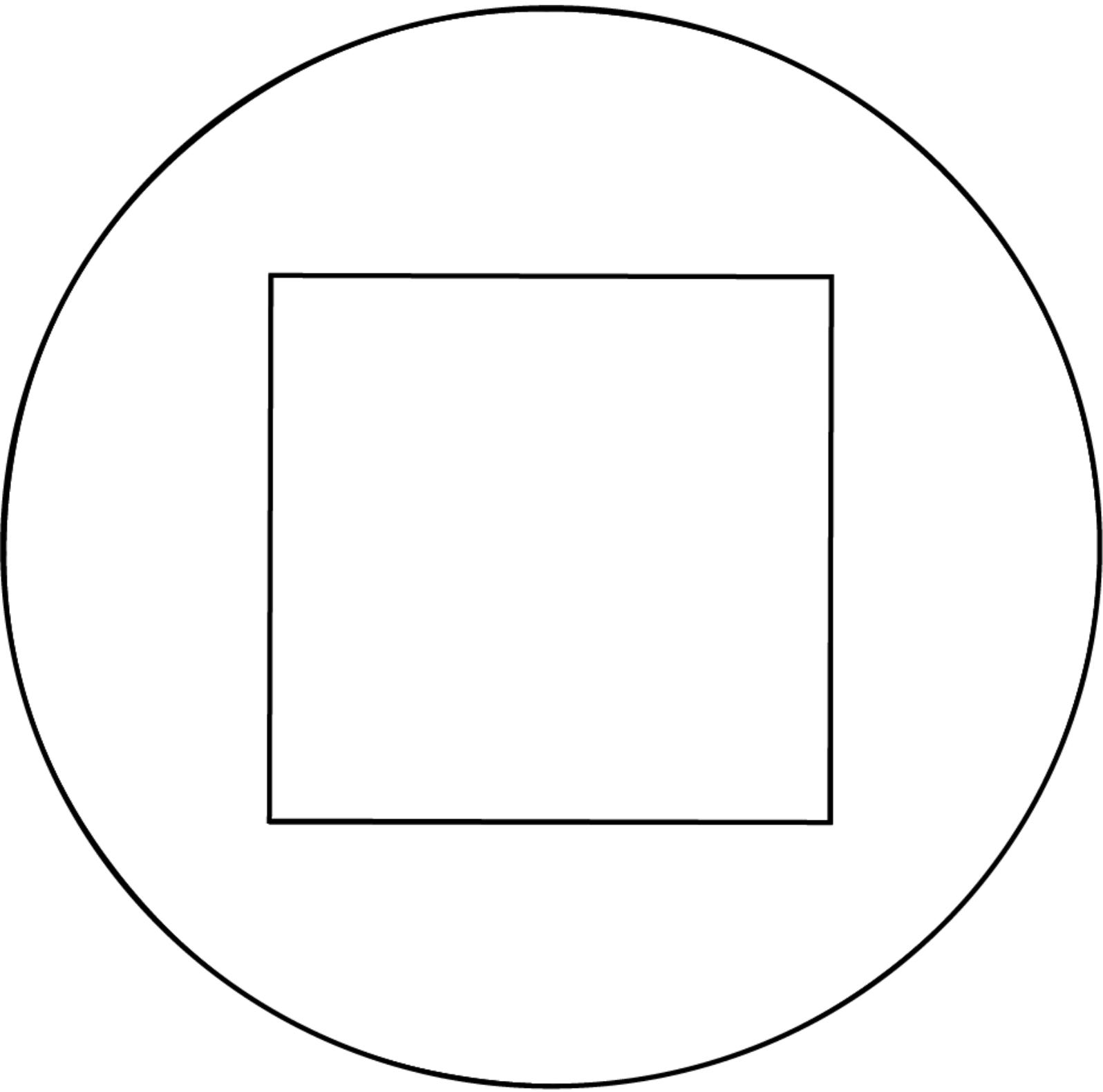
Chinese coin

Chinese coins have many different shapes, this is the most familiar and linked to times of celebration



Your turn!

Imagine Louise's Moon Gates are portals to a new world and imagine stepping inside the image. What would the place look like?



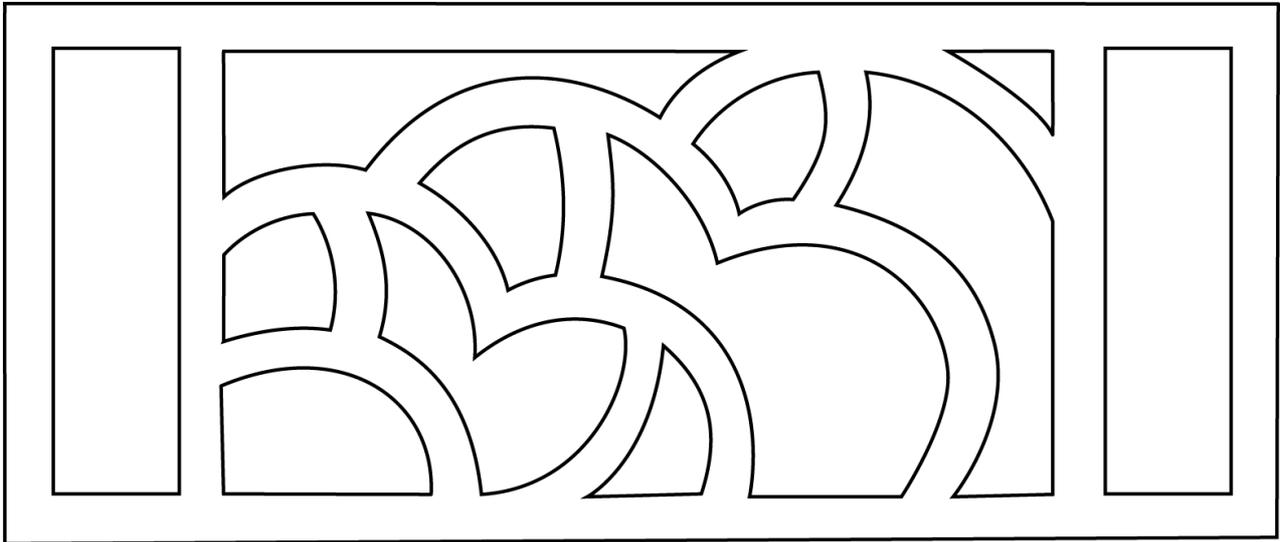
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Scholar rocks are found naturally but come in many different shapes and textures.

Using a pencil, take a rubbing of different natural surfaces from the garden. Arrange them on this page to create your own collage inspired by the environment.

Your turn!

Louise created a Lattice Window inspired by cabbage leaves.



Now let's play with line and shape!

Go on a walk around the gardens, look for simple shapes made by plants and use simple lines to create your own decorative design.

