

SMALL WALL ART

Exemplifying the Munker-White Illusion

What is the Munker-White Illusion? It is one type of optical illusion.

Most people will say that the raspberry on the right is lighter.

In fact, the raspberry on the left and right are the same color.

The raspberry on the left is broken up with black stripes. The one on the right is broken up by white stripes. The eye mixes these colors when you look at the raspberry. In other words, the eye mixes the raspberry on the left with black, giving us the illusion that it's a darker shade of raspberry. The eye mixes the raspberry on the right with white, giving us the illusion that it's a lighter shade of raspberry.

This explanation comes from *Drawing in Color: Art for Kids* by Kathryn Temple. Every time I introduce a new

color to the black and white stripes in these small wall pieces, I am amazed by the illusion my eyes encounter.



Yoga Man woven in bamboo and cotton; warp-faced pickup by Chris Hammel