Look at the cover of this book. What’s the same and what’s different about the little girl and her mom? In this book there are a lot of *comparisons*. When you make comparisons you notice how things are the same and different. Did you notice how the little girl is peeking at you?

Look at the things around you. What do you see? Big things? Small things? Spiky things? Smooth things?

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Listen to the sounds around you. What do you hear? Singing? Whispering? Laughing?
Take a deep breath in through your nose. What do you smell? Cookies? Flowers? Spices?
What do you hope to taste tonight? Something salty? Something sweet?

There is so much to notice all around you!

Look closely at all the illustrations in the book *Me & Mama*. It is clear that Cozbi A. Cabrera, who wrote and illustrated the book, listens closely to what people say. And that she notices the details of things around her. She carefully observed and painted the dishes in the kitchen, the paper on the walls, the rugs, and the people's clothes. Look all around you some more, inside and outside. What colors and patterns do you see? How about in the pictures below? Make comparisons – what's the same and what's different?

Now you try to draw and paint these or those that you found!