Lan Su Chinese Garden is like a window into Chinese culture and history. Windows or “framed views” are an important part of the design of a Chinese garden. Looking through these different openings focuses your view like a camera lens. The windows and doorways give us new views of the spaces helping us to see things differently.

One type of window in Lan Su is called a leak window. There are over 40 leak windows in the garden, each with a different pattern. They are called leak windows because the view leaks so that you can see a secret view into another space.

The designs of leak windows are inspired by plants, animals, and geometric patterns.

**ACTIVITY**

Create your own leak window using shapes and lines.