How do you dress differently or similarly to your family members or friends? What colors, patterns, and shapes do you like to wear? Now, think about the clothing, shoes, and jewelry in your own closet. Who wears that special outfit and when do they wear it? How would you describe it to a friend who has never seen it? Think about a special outfit that reflects something from your own family traditions. Can tell stories about ourselves and our families.

Teri Greeves creates images inspired by her family's Native American traditions by stitching clothing on one side of the high-heeled shoes. On the other side of the shoes, the artist uses shapes and patterns inspired by Kiowa geometric beadwork. Clothing, shoes, and jewelry can tell stories about ourselves and our families.

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Extension Activity

Using your extra supplies, make a card for someone who is important to you. Write them a note, sign your name, and decorate the card with designs and pictures that this person likes. What are their favorite things? What do they care about?

In the space below, use the list of descriptive words you made when viewing Depression Bread Line to write a story from the perspective of one of the characters in the sculpture.

Extension Activity

Write a paragraph using personification. That means giving human qualities to something not human. Become these beautiful beaded shoes. Using first person (I), write about a typical day of being a shoe. Describe where you go, how you feel and what it is like to be such a fancy shoe out in the world. Use your imagination! And use descriptive words!