

The Art Below Your Feet

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During the 1950s and 1960s, “stop and smell the roses” was a popular saying, which had more meaning than just taking the time to smell a rose. It meant that life is full of wonderful little things that should be enjoyed.



One of those things is right below your feet, if you take the time to look down. It is the manhole covers you see in sidewalks and streets. Their circular shape is perfect for the simple reason that it is the only geometric shape that will not fall into itself.



Some manhole covers are imprinted with a word to identify the type of manhole that is hidden beneath. Others have designs that share a location, while still others are used to display art.

So, next time you are walking, take the time to stop and look down. You may see more than just a circular metal plate covering a hole. It may open your eyes to a whole world of possibilities!

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