

Josef Albers

What Did Josef Albers Create?

Josef Albers was a famous artist and teacher. He created simple-looking pictures using **squares**, **lines**, and **bold colours**.

His most famous work is called “**Homage to the Square**”, where he explored how colours change depending on what’s around them.



Childhood

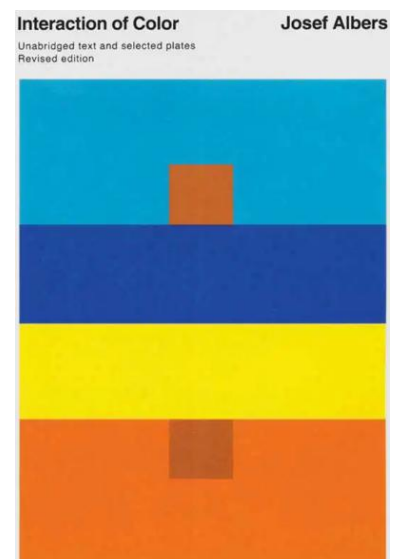
- Born in **1888** in Bottrop, Germany.
- His father was a **craftsman**, and Josef learned to work with hands early on.
- As a boy, he loved **drawing** and **making things**.
- He enjoyed **nature** and colours even as a child.

Education

- Studied to become a **teacher** first.
- Went to **art school** in Berlin and Essen.
- Studied at the **Bauhaus**, a famous art and design school.
- Learned to work with **glass**, **design**, and **colour**.

Career

- Became a **teacher at the Bauhaus** in 1925.
- Moved to **America** in the 1930s to escape the Nazis.
- Taught at **Black Mountain College** and later **Yale University**.
- Wrote a book called “*Interaction of Colour*”, teaching people how colours work together.
- Spent many years painting his famous **square paintings**, testing how colour changes.

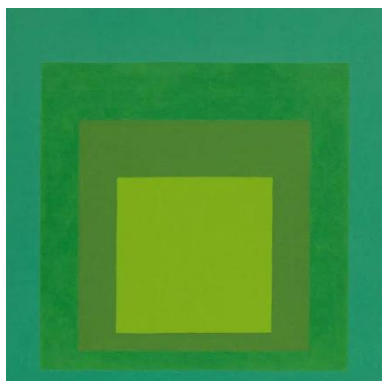


Quotes from Josef Albers

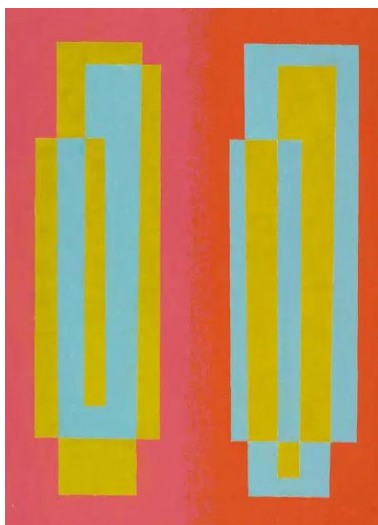
“Art is not an object, but an experience.”

“Colour deceives continually.”

“Good teaching is more a giving of right questions than a giving of right answers.”

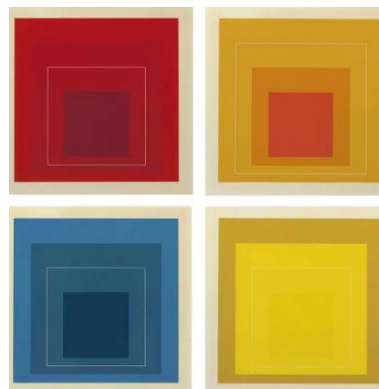


Homage to the square

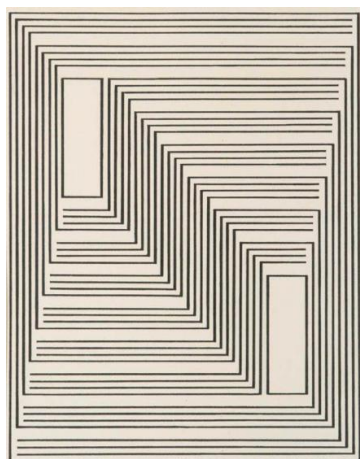


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