

# Mary Cassatt

## What Did Mary Cassatt Create?



Mary Cassatt was an **Impressionist painter** who is best known for painting pictures of **mothers and children**. Her artwork is gentle, full of love, and often shows the everyday life of families. She used soft brushstrokes and beautiful colours.

## Childhood

- Mary was born in **Pennsylvania, USA**, in **1844**.
- She loved art from a young age and visited museums when travelling in Europe.
- Her family was quite wealthy and wanted her to learn to be a lady—not an artist!
- She had six siblings and grew up in a busy, well-educated family.

## Education

- Mary studied art at the **Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts** at age 15.
- She was frustrated because women weren't treated equally in art schools.
- She moved to **Paris, France**, to study painting—this was a brave move at the time!
- She copied famous artworks at the **Louvre Museum** to learn how to paint.

## Career

- Mary became friends with **Edgar Degas**, who invited her to join the **Impressionists**.
- She showed her art in **Paris exhibitions**, where people admired her soft, loving scenes.
- She often painted **mothers, children, and family moments**.
- She supported women's rights and helped more women become artists.

## Artwork

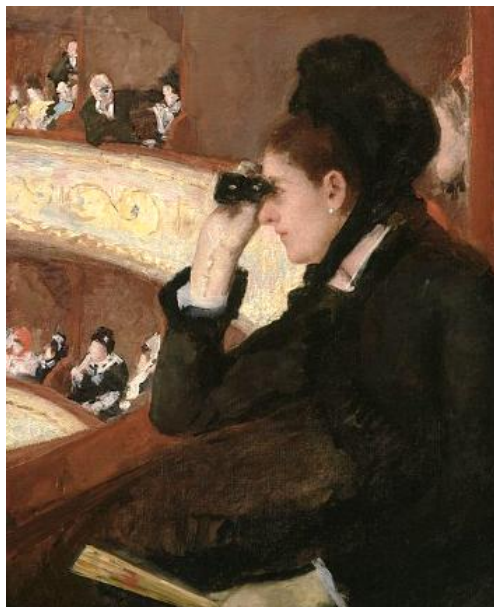
Young Mother Sewing



The child's bath



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## Quotes from Mary Cassatt

 *"I love to paint women and children just as they are."*

 *"There's only one thing in life for a woman; it's to be an artist."*