**🧠 Who is Damien Hirst?**

Damien Hirst is a British artist who likes to use **bright colours** and **interesting ideas** in his artwork. One of the most fun things he’s known for is his **Spot Paintings** – big pictures made from **rows of colourful circles**. Each dot is a different colour, and together they make a rainbow of patterns!

**🟡 Let’s Make Our Own Spot Painting!**

This art activity will help you make your very own Damien Hirst-style painting, using nothing but **circles and colour**. It's easy, fun, and very satisfying!

**🧰 You Will Need:**

* A sheet of white paper (A4 is perfect)
* Paints, crayons, or coloured markers
* A round object to trace (like a coin, lid, or bottle top)
* A pencil and ruler (optional for neat lines)

**🪄 Step-by-Step Instructions:**

**Step 1: Draw Your Grid**

* Place your paper in **landscape** (sideways).
* Use your round object to **trace circles** across the page in **neat rows**.
* Try to leave the same space between each circle. If you want to be super neat, use a ruler to make a grid with pencil first!
* Fill the whole page with these circle shapes.

**Step 2: Choose Your Colours**

* Damien Hirst never used the same colour twice in a row.
* Pick lots of bright, bold colours – like red, blue, yellow, green, and pink!
* You can plan your colours first or choose as you go – just have fun with it.

**Step 3: Start Colouring!**

* Carefully colour in each circle using paints, crayons, or markers.
* Try to keep inside the lines and make each circle **one solid colour**.
* No two circles next to each other should be the same – mix it up!

**Step 4: Add a Title**

* Damien Hirst gave his paintings cool names – sometimes he used science or nature words.
* Think of a fun name for your artwork, like **“Rainbow Dots”**, **“Dot Explosion”**, or **“Spot the Colours”**.
* Write your title on the back or below your painting.

**💡 Top Tips:**

* If you make a mistake, that’s okay! Art doesn’t have to be perfect.
* Try making another version with **smaller** or **bigger** dots.
* Use a different colour set, like just warm colours (reds, oranges, yellows) or cool colours (blues, greens, purples).

**🎲 More Fun Ideas**

**🌀 Swirl with a String or Yarn**

**Materials:** Paper plate or card, paint, string/yarn, tape
**Method:**

1. Tape your paper/card to a table.
2. Dip a length of string or yarn into paint.
3. Place the paint-covered string on the surface in a loose spiral.
4. Drag or lift the string in a swirl motion—this creates a dynamic, spinning look.

**🧲 Use a Lazy Susan or Turntable**

**Materials:** Lazy Susan (kitchen turntable), paper, tape, paint
**Method:**

1. Tape paper to the Lazy Susan.
2. Drop or squirt paint on the center.
3. Spin the Lazy Susan quickly by hand.
4. Watch the paint fly outward in streaks.

🧩 **Create a Photo Joiner**

Take several photos of the same object (e.g. your face, a chair, or a tree) from different angles, print them out, cut them up, and glue them together in a new way — just like Hockney's joiner photography.

🌼 **Spring Trees Collage**

Create a scene of trees in spring by using tissue paper or coloured scraps to make leaves, flowers, and trunks. Try to capture a feeling of a changing season.

Or:

* **Dot Art Challenge**: Use cotton buds and paint to make your own spot painting!
* **Butterfly Collage**: Cut out paper butterflies and arrange them into a pattern.
* **Shark Tank Drawing**: Draw a sea creature in a glass tank—what would you choose?
* **Make a Sparkle Skull**: Colour a skull outline and glue on glitter or sequins.