

Painting Like Wassily Kandinsky

Who is Wassily Kandinsky?

Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian artist who believed that **colours and shapes could show feelings**, just like music can. He painted **abstract art**, which means it doesn't look like real people or things — just colours, lines, and patterns that come from the imagination.

Kandinsky said:

"Colour is a power which directly influences the soul."

What Will You Make?

You'll paint an **abstract picture** using **shapes, lines, and bright colours** — just like Kandinsky! Your picture won't be of something real — it will show how you **feel** using colour and design. 🎵 ✨

Here's an example of something you could make



How you complete it is up to you, this is the same picture, but all the areas are blocked in



What is important is that you express yourself in your creation

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You Will Need:

- A sheet of paper or canvas (A4 or bigger)
 - Pencil and eraser
 - coloured markers
 - Ruler or round objects to trace (like cups or lids)
 - Black pen (optional for outlining)
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Step 1: Think About How You Feel

Before you start drawing, take a moment and ask:

- Do I feel happy, excited, calm, silly, or wild?
- What colours match that feeling?
 - Happy = yellow 🌞
 - Calm = blue 🌊
 - Excited = red 🔥
 - Peaceful = green 🌿

Step 2: Draw Your Shapes

Use a pencil to lightly draw on your paper:

1. **Circles** – trace round things or draw freehand. Big, medium, and small.
2. **Squares or triangles** – use a ruler if you want.
3. **Wavy lines, zigzags, and swirls** – let your hand dance across the page.
4. Overlap some shapes or have them floating around.

 **Tip:** There's no right or wrong. Make your page full of fun movement!

Step 3: Add Colours

Now it's time to bring your painting to life!

1. Pick colours that **match your feelings** from Step 1.
2. Fill in your shapes with paint, crayons or markers.

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3. Don't worry about staying inside the lines — abstract art is about expression!
4. Try **mixing colours** or painting some shapes solid and others with patterns like stripes or dots.

Step 4: Add Details

1. Add **black lines** between shapes to make them stand out.
2. You can even **paint to music**! Turn on a fun song and let your hand move with the beat.
3. Want to add more? Try stars, bursts, or dots to fill empty spaces.



More fun ideas

- Kandinsky had **synaesthesia**, which made him see music as pictures. Make your own “**music painting**”—listen to a song and as you listen, draw how it makes you feel!
- Use paper circles and triangles to make a Kandinsky-style collage.
- Try **marble painting** using paint and a rolling ball.
- Cut and stick **concentric circles** from coloured paper like his famous artwork!