**👨‍🎨 Who is Gustav Klimt?**

Gustav Klimt was an Austrian artist known for painting people wrapped in **beautiful patterns**, **shiny gold shapes**, and **sparkly swirls**. His most famous painting is **“The Kiss”**, where two people are covered in golden shapes and hugging each other.

Klimt’s art feels like a **dream** — full of colour, magic, and decoration.

**🖼️ What Will You Make?**

In this tutorial, you'll create a **portrait of a person** (maybe yourself!) wrapped in **decorative patterns and golden shapes**, just like Klimt painted.

**🧰 You Will Need:**

* White paper (A4 or bigger)
* Pencil and eraser
* Paints, crayons, or coloured pencils
* Gold paint or gold foil (or yellow if you don’t have gold!)
* Black pen for outlining (optional)
* Glitter or shiny stickers (optional, for extra sparkle!)

**Step 1: Draw a Simple Portrait**

1. In the middle of your paper, draw a **person’s face and upper body** (head, shoulders, arms).
2. Keep the face **simple and calm** — Klimt’s people often look peaceful or dreamy.
3. Add **long flowing hair**, a dress or robe, and keep space around the person for decoration.

**Step 2: Add a Fancy Cloak or Dress**

1. Around the person’s body, draw a **big cloak, robe, or dress** that spreads out around them.
2. Make it large and smooth, like a blanket. This is where all the **patterns** will go!

**Step 3: Fill It With Patterns**

Here’s the fun Klimt part!

1. Decorate the cloak with **shapes**:
	* Squares
	* Swirls
	* Triangles
	* Eyes
	* Flowers
	* Circles
2. You can **repeat shapes in rows** or **mix them up** like a patchwork quilt.
3. Use a **ruler** to help with squares and a **cup** to trace circles if you want.

**Step 4: Paint With Klimt Colours**

1. Use **gold paint** for parts of the robe or background — Klimt loved gold!
(If you don’t have gold, use **yellow, orange, or glitter** instead.)
2. Fill other shapes with **bold colours** like red, black, white, and blue.
3. Paint the **face and skin softly**, with peach or light brown tones.

💡 **Tip:** You can mix shiny and soft colours for contrast — like gold next to black.

**Step 5: Add Background Magic**

1. Fill the background with **stars, flowers**, or **swirls**.
2. Klimt sometimes used **blocks of colour** or **patterns behind** his people too.
3. Use glitter, stickers, or gold foil for extra sparkle.

**🎉 More fun ideas**

* ✨ **Make a golden collage** using shiny paper, swirls, and shapes.
* 🎨 **Draw your own “Tree of Life”** using spirals and symbols.