Painting Like Pablo Picasso

Who is Pablo Picasso?

Pablo Picasso was a Spanish artist who liked to try new styles and break the rules of how pictures are "supposed" to look. He helped start a style called Cubism, where faces and objects are painted from lots of different angles at the same time. He used bold colours, sharp shapes, and sometimes made eyes or noses look like they were in the wrong place — on purpose!

What Will You Make?

You'll paint a funny Picasso-style face using bold colours, weird shapes, and mismatched features — a portrait that looks like a puzzle!



You Will Need:

- White paper or canvas (A4 or bigger)
- Pencil and eraser
- coloured markers/pens
- Black pen for outlining (optional)

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Step 1: Draw a Wacky Face

- Lightly draw a head shape it can be an oval, heart, square, or something wild!
- 2. Add:
 - Two eyes but make them different sizes or put one where the ear should be!
 - A nose maybe from the side, even if the face is from the front.
 - o A mouth twisty, big, or shaped like a zigzag.
 - Ears, hair, or hat however you like!
- 3. The more **unusual**, the better! Picasso's faces look like puzzles or masks.

Step 2: Break It Into Shapes

- Draw a few lines across the face from top to bottom, side to side, or diagonally.
- 2. These lines split the face into **different sections**, like a stained-glass window.

Step 3: Add Bold Colours

- 1. Use bright, strong colours like **blue**, **red**, **yellow**, **green**, **purple**, and **orange**.
- 2. Fill each shape or section with a **different colour**.
- 3. Don't worry about real skin or hair colours be as wild as you like!
 - o A green nose? Sure!
 - A blue cheek and a yellow ear? Perfect!

Step 4: Add Patterns or Texture (Optional)

- 1. In some sections, you can add **stripes**, **dots**, **spirals**, **or zigzags**.
- 2. This makes the painting even more fun and creative.

Step 5: Outline Your Shapes

- 1. Once everything is dry (if you used paint), use a **black pen or marker** to go over the lines.
- 2. Outline all the parts eyes, mouth, sections, and patterns.

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More fun ideas

- **Cubist Portrait:** Create your own portrait using only geometric shapes like squares, triangles, and circles. If something funny happens, can you capture a moment?
- Blue or Rose Painting: Make a painting using just shades of blue or pink to show a mood or feeling.
- Clay Sculpture: Try making a small sculpture inspired by Picasso's abstract figures.
- **Quote Art:** Choose one of Picasso's quotes and illustrate it in a creative way.