



St White's Primary School - Art

Phase: KS1

Topic: Abstract art painting

What should I already know?

- I can use shapes to represent objects.
- I can draw lines and circles.
- I know that art can have a purpose.
- I know the three primary colours are red, blue and yellow.

Abstract art

What?

Abstract art is art that is only made up of shapes and colours.

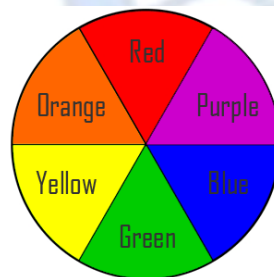
When?

The abstract art movement began in the late 1930s.

Abstract art is different because there it doesn't look like a person or creature or object – it is just lines and colours! Artists might use colours to show how someone is feeling.

Square with concentric circles by Wassily Kandinsky

- Kandinsky use different shapes and colours to see what felt 'right'.
- "Square with Concentric Circles" is one of those colour studies.
- He made several versions of this, always using loose brushwork and very bright colours.
- Look at how the colour red, for instance, looks different when it is next to colours like yellow and orange (colours next to red on the colour wheel) than when the same red is next to green or blue (colours opposite to red on the colour wheel).



Values

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| Challenge | What are the challenges of abstract art? |
| Commit | How did Kandinsky commit to the process of painting? |
| Conquer | How can we conquer the challenge of creating our own abstract art? |
| Celebrate | How can we celebrate different art styles? |

Wassily Kandinsky

- He was born in 1866 and died in 1944
- He was Russian
- He worked as a teacher at a University
- He stopped teaching to go to art school
- He liked to paint to music
- He believed that colours have a soul

His paintings include:

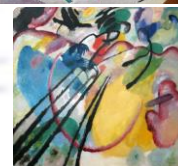
- Abstract Painting



- Red Spot II



- Improvisation 26 (Rowing)



Technical vocabulary

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| Wassily Kandinsky | A Russian painter and art theorist, generally credited as one of the first abstract artists. |
| Abstract Art | Abstract art is art that uses shapes and colours to achieve its effects. |
| Primary Colours | basic colours that can be mixed together to produce other colours (red, yellow, blue) |
| Secondary Colours | A colour resulting from the mixing of two primary colours |
| shape | An outline of a form |
| paint | Depict or produce using paint |
| mix | Put together |
| observe | The process of closely looking at something |

Art skills

I know how to mix primary colours to create secondary colours.
I know that art can be inspired by music.
I know that different colours look good together.

