Make a shark-infested Hockney

Hello my name's Olaf Falafel, I'm a dad, a stand-up comedian and the author and illustrator of the *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger* books. Every month I show you how to create art based on the works of famous artists, plus I tell you a really bad joke like this: Why don't sharks eat clowns? Because they taste funny!

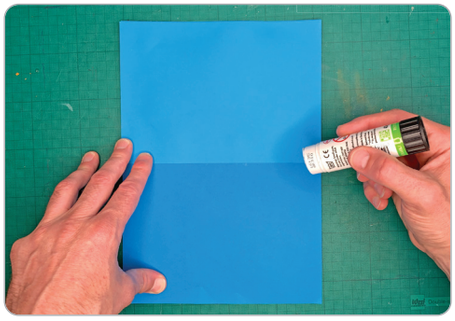
I want to tell you about the British artist David Hockney, who was born in 1937. Hockney is known for his bright paintings, especially those of Californian swimming pools. His use of colour and perspective has made him a very important person in modern art.

One of his most famous paintings is called *A Bigger Splash.* In it, he shows a big splash in a swimming pool on a sunny day but you can't see the person who made the splash because they are underwater. I wanted to make my own version of this but give it a slightly dark twist – so I've added a couple of sharks to the pool.

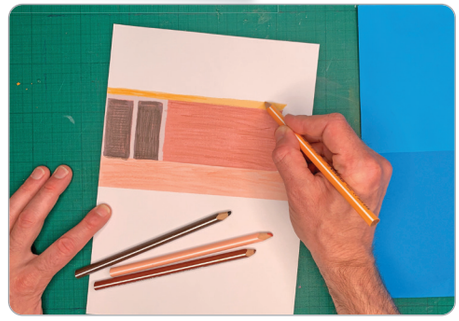
Hockney next to *A Bigger Splash.*

What you need

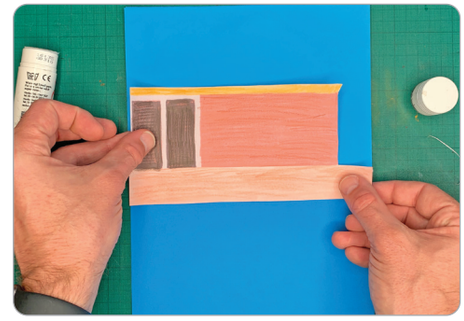
- Two sheets of blue paper (one darker, one lighter)
- Scissors
- Glue
- A sheet of white paper
- Coloured pencils
- White paint
- Paintbrush
- A straw



1 Cut the darker blue sheet of paper in half and stick it to the bottom of the lighter blue sheet.



2 On your white paper, draw your building and the paved area outside the pool.



3 Cut this out and glue it to the middle of your blue background

4 Use a brush to drop some runny white paint on the bottom half and blow it with a straw.

5 Add a diving board and details like palm trees by using the white paper or drawing them on.

6 If you wish to put people off using your pool, add some shark fins.

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