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Make abstract fireworks art

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 a famous artist. Plus, I tell you a really bad joke, like this: Why don't ants get ill? Because they have anty-bodies!

This week I want to talk about Wassily Kandinsky, an abstract artist from Russia. Abstract art is art that doesn't try to show reality. Instead, Kandinsky focused on how art made people feel. He believed it could be like music, and that shapes and colours could create emotions, just like notes in a song do.

As a lot of Kandinsky's art used bright colours and shapes, some of it looks a bit like explosions. I'm going to show you how you can take inspiration from Kandinsky to make your own abstract fireworks picture for Guy Fawkes night on 5 November.



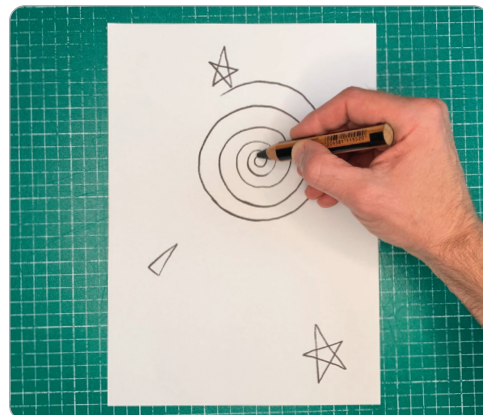
Kandinsky's Blue Painting.



What you need

- A sheet of paper
- Coloured pencils, pastels, pens or paints.

1 On your sheet of paper draw several jagged and smooth shapes. Think of how fireworks make you feel as you watch them explode in the sky. It doesn't have to look real – use your imagination.



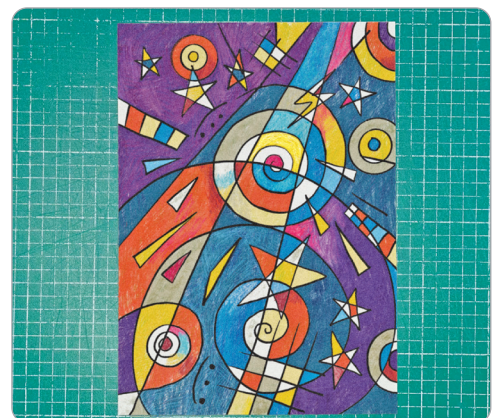
2 Make sure that your shapes overlap and fill the page. You can draw spirals, stars, lightning bolts and circles.



3 Now colour in each area that your shapes have created. Use as many different coloured pencils or paints as you can.



4 Keep going until the entire sheet is coloured in. If you want to, you can go over the lines of your shapes in black pen to help them stand out.



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