

# Creative Prompts and Activity Sheets

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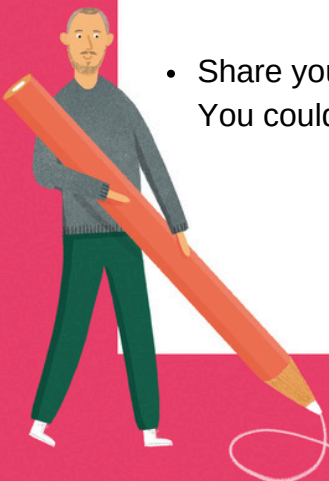
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# Creative Prompts

- Research an artist from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and collect facts about them, why not investigate where they lived and what kind of artwork they created. Once you've done your research create a fact file outlining everything you've discovered. Why not include a drawing of one of their pieces of art in your fact file?
- Look around your house, school town or library and make a note of any pieces of art you see. Art could include statues, street art, prints, photos, sketches or paintings. Stand in front of one of the pieces of art you've found and think about how it makes you feel. Does it make you feel happy, sad or another emotion altogether?
- Research art by some of the artists listed below, either at the library or by searching online: Bridget Riley, Vincent Van Gogh, Yayoi Kusama, Alberto Giacometti, Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo or Hilma af Klint
- Choose two or three pieces of art that you like from these artists and ask yourself the following questions:
  - What do you think inspired the artist to create this art piece?
  - How does the artwork make you feel?
  - Why do you think they chose the colours or shapes they did for this piece of art?
  - If you had to use three words to describe this artwork what would they be?
  - Do you think the name of the artwork matches it? If not, what would you name it?
- Now it is time for you to get creative and be inspired by one of the artists you've researched. Have a go at creating your own artwork using pens, pencils, collage, paint, modelling clay or other items. Before you start have a think about what makes this artist's style so unique and be inspired by them! So, Yayoi Kusama might inspire you to use polka dots, Hilma af Klint to use abstract shapes and colour. Why not draw a still life like Vincent Van Gogh?
- Share your artwork with a friend and ask them to guess which artist inspired you! You could also ask them the questions above

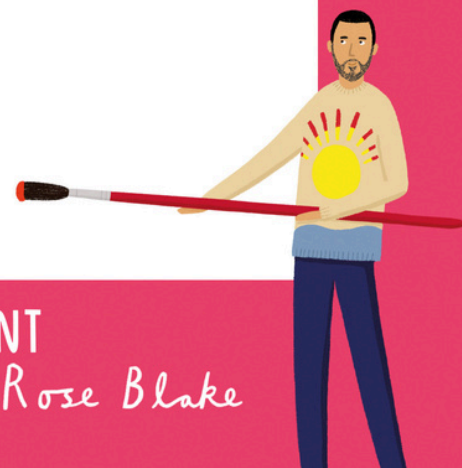
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# Be inspired by Henri Matisse

French artist **Henri Matisse** is well-known for creating colourful artwork, including a collage called **The Snail** that he made with paper, gouache (a water-based paint) and scissors. The artwork doesn't look exactly like a snail, but Matisse wanted the image to become clearer the more people looked at it – this is called **abstract art**. Why not take inspiration from Matisse and make your own art using this collage style – you could create other insects or creatures, like a butterfly, using colourful paper.



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# Be inspired by Frida Kahlo

Mexican painter **Frida Kahlo** is loved and respected all around the world, thanks to her **self-portraits**. The lifelike, accurate paintings of her face show how she was feeling at the time, documenting her joy and sadness. Frida also frequently included her pet monkeys in her self-portraits.

Take inspiration from Frida and try creating your own self-portrait either by copying a photo of yourself or by looking into a mirror and drawing what you see. Why not include your pet, or the pet you wish you owned alongside you.



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# Be inspired by Jim Dine

**Jim Dine** often includes **motifs** in his artwork. A motif is a particular image that appears many times in an artist's work, throughout their career, and is often an item that is important in their life or holds a certain memory. Jim Dine's motifs include hearts, hammers and the cartoon character Pinocchio.

Do you have a particular motif? Maybe you like drawing hearts just like Jim Dine, or maybe flowers? Find a motif that you like, and try making different artworks with it in the space below



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# Matching Pairs

Can you match the artworks on the left to the artists on the right?

Girl With a Balloon

Banksy

No. 1, Altarpiece

Bridget Riley

Marilyn Monroe

Vincent van Gogh

I Want My Time With You

Diego Rivera

Walking Man

Cassi Namoda

Dream of a Sunday  
Afternoon in Alameda  
Park

Emily Kam Kngwarray

To a Summer's Day 2

Alberto Giacometti

Barbershop

Frank Bowling

Awelye

Tracey Emin

Little is Enough For  
Those with Love Mimi  
Nakupenda

Andy Warhol

Hilma af Klint

Dog Daze

Jordan Casteel

Sunflowers



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