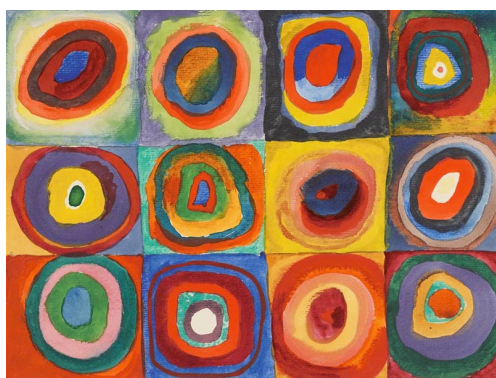




Encounter Craft – 24th June **This week – Patterns Inspired by Famous Artists**

These great artworks can truly inspire us to have a go, too.
From glorious colours to fabulous shapes
and fun techniques, be inspired!

Kandinsky's Squares with Concentric Circles



Kandinsky loved colour and music. Many of his paintings were inspired by listening to music and trying to express that music. Try listening to a piece of music you like and seeing how it inspires you to paint or draw!

You could also recreate this artwork in your own way. Fold a piece of paper in half and

then into three. Open it up so you have squares. Use oil pastels to draw coloured circles within each other in every square. Draw them freehand – don't use anything to make the circles. These circles are not perfect! You could then use watercolour paints to paint over the circles and create background colours – the oil repels the watercolours so the pastels stay bright!



These pebbles look fantastic painted in bright, clear circles. First wash the pebbles and dry them thoroughly. To keep the colours fresh and unmuddied paint one ring on each stone in turn, allow to dry and then do the next one on each stone. A coat of craft varnish will keep the colours vivid and protected. You could have them along a windowsill or in a plant pot or flowerbed. So summery!



Gustav Klimt's The Tree of Life



This stunning painting has so many wonderful shapes to inspire us - circles, triangles, squares and swirls. Klimt's paintings are rich in detail and colour. Here are some ideas to have fun with...



Klimt often painted figures wrapped in opulent fabrics, like a patchwork of pattern. Often their faces were just visible above the cloth (see above). You could use a photograph of your face and work out from it, so you are wrapped up in different sections of pattern. Here, various techniques have been used to add to the richness – painted circles, swirls and zigzags, collaged squares and rectangles of coloured paper and a sponge-painted background. Amazing!! You could also stick on gem stickers, glitter, buttons – anything to make the “fabric” beautiful and as busy as you can! There are no rules!



If you prefer to use the actual Tree of Life as your inspiration, the sky is the limit! If you have gold paint then that would be fantastic, but otherwise you could use yellow to paint free swirls all over black paper. You can then decorate with glitter, stickers, buttons etc, as before. You can't really add too much to this! A great way to experiment with pattern and texture all at once.

Return to the Sea by Motoi Yamamoto

This incredible artwork takes up the whole floor of a gallery. It is drawn entirely in SALT! Every little circle represents a memory of the artist's. You could draw with salt by filling a squeeze container and drawing on a table, patio or decking, for example.



Enjoy the free flow of the salt and experiment with circles, loops and waves.



HAVE FUN!!