

# Art

## Great Artists Through Time

Years 5 & 6

Lesson 4



The  
**Coombes**  
CE Primary School

**Unit/Lesson focus:** the aim of this unit of learning is to become familiar with the backgrounds and works of a number of famous and popular artists through the ages. This lesson focuses on Wassily Kandinsky.

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**Unit Learning Objectives:**

**L.O.: To learn about great artists through time**

**L.O.: To create art in the style of Henri Matisse**

**L.O.: To explore the art of Pablo Picasso**

**L.O.: To explore the art of Wassily Kandinsky**

# Lesson 4

## L.O.: To explore the art of Wassily Kandinsky

**I can name Wassily Kandinsky as a great artist through time.**

**I can also explain my observations on how Kandinsky used colour and shape to create art.**

**I can even create my own Kandinsky inspired art.**

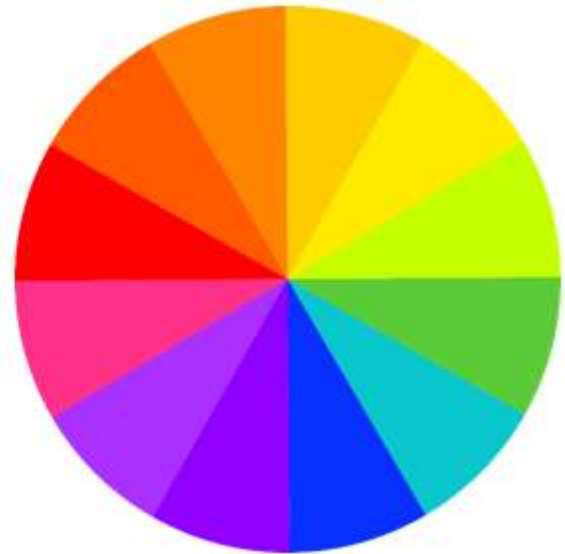
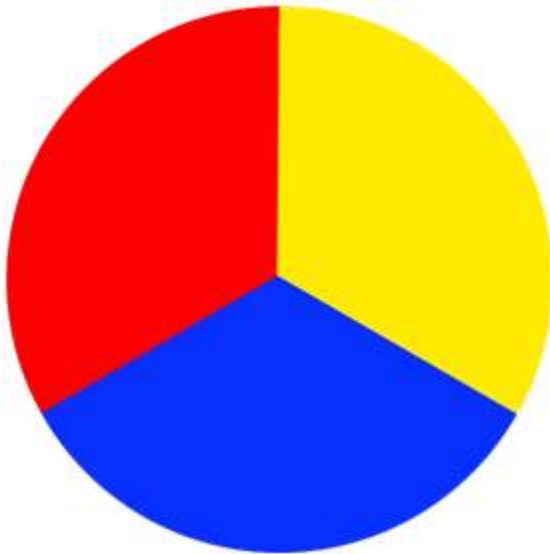


# Colour Mixing

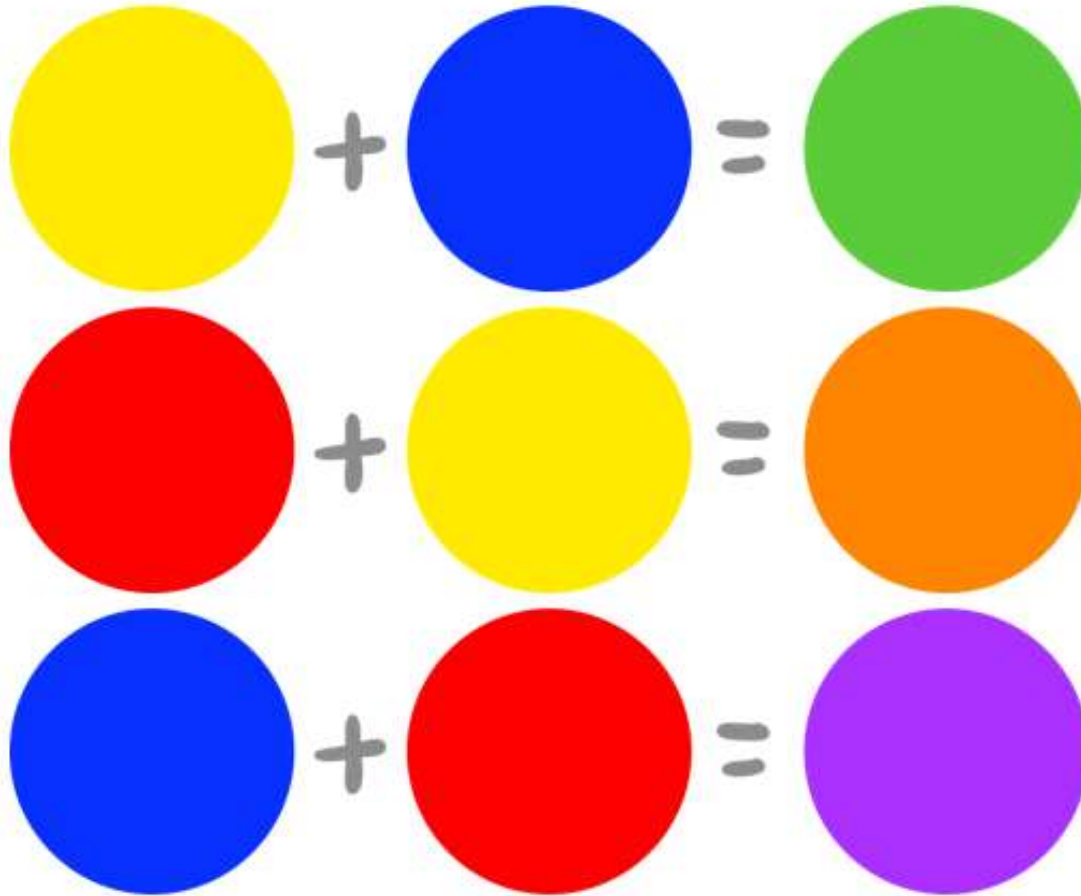


*Can you identify and name the primary, secondary and tertiary colours on the colour wheels?*

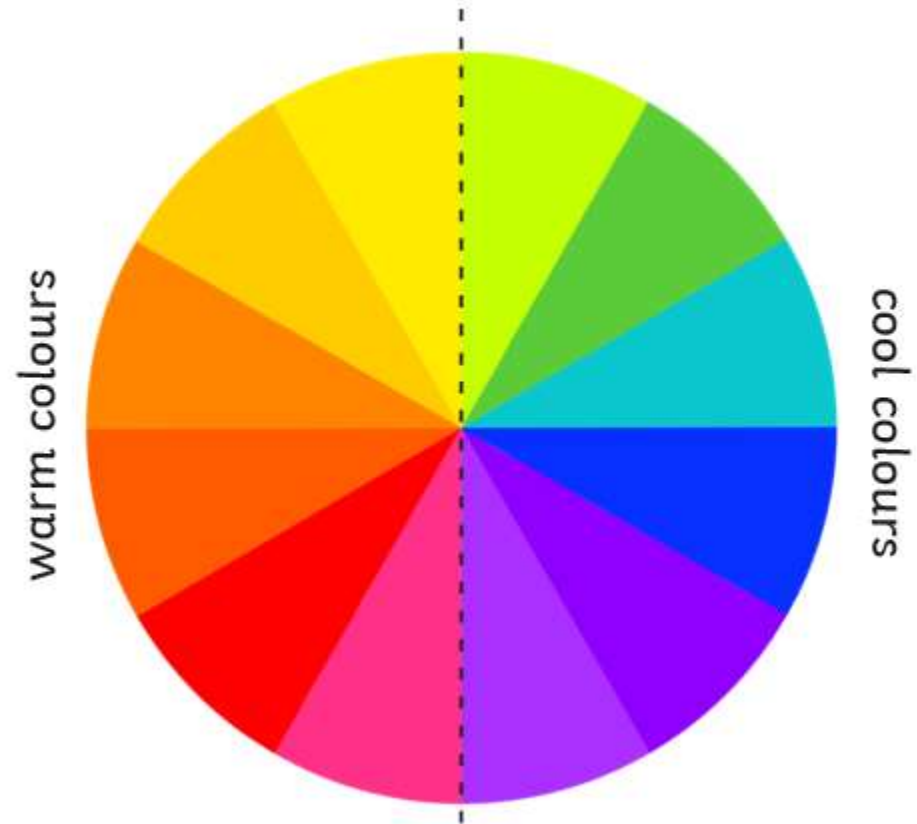
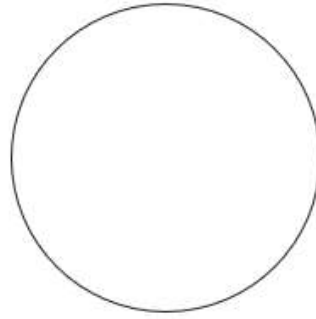
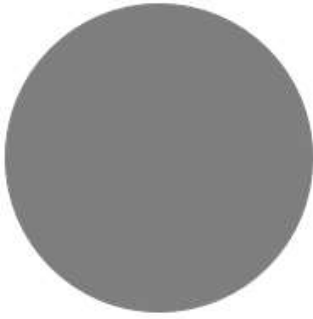
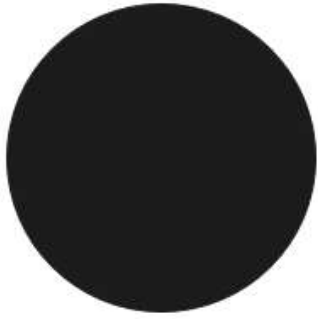
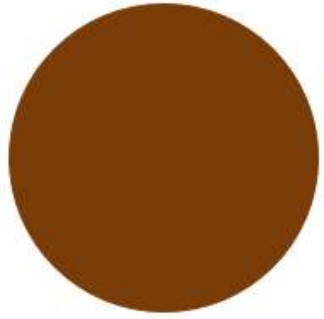
Use paint, chalks, coloured pens or coloured pencils to recreate your own version of these colour wheels. Remember it takes time and effort to blend your colours well.



# Mixing Secondary Colours



# Neutral Colours



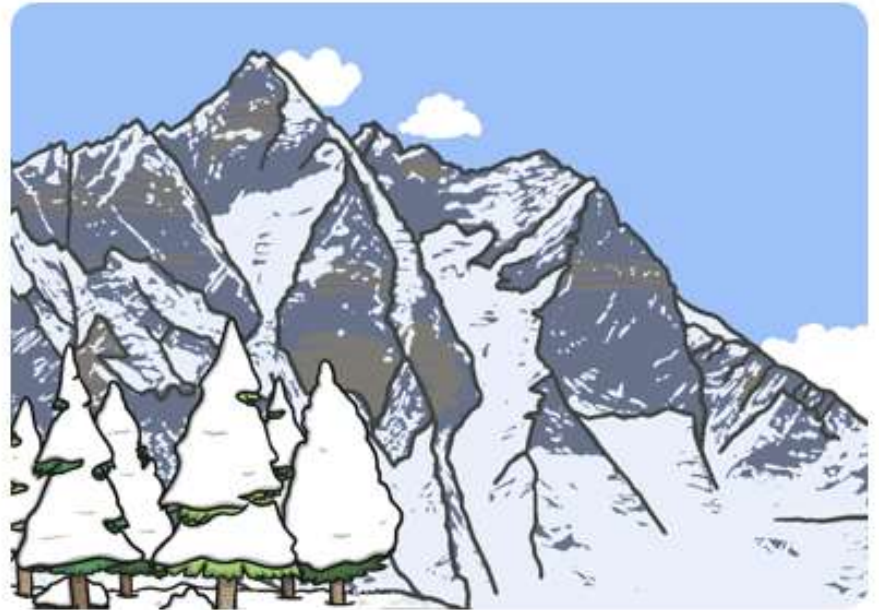
# Warm Colours

Red, orange, and yellow are warm colours. They make us think of sunny, warm and cosy things.



# Cool Colours

Green, blue and purple are cool colours. They make us think of fresh, calm and chilly things.



# Mixing Shades

If we add black to a colour, we can make shades.

This makes the colour darker.



# Mixing Tints

If we add white to a colour, we can make tints.

This makes a colour lighter.





# Wassily Kandinsky

Wassily Kandinsky was  
a Russian painter.  
Many people think he was  
the first abstract artist.

**Abstract Painting**  
by Wassily Kandinsky



# All about Wassily Kandinsky

(1866 - 1944)

Russian

Wassily Kandinsky was born in Russia, in 1866. When he grew up, he worked as a teacher at a university but it didn't make him happy.

When he was 30, he left his job and went to art school. He found art school easy and was very good at his studies.

Kandinsky thought a lot about what colours mean and how they make people feel. He believed that colours had a soul.



Wassily Kandinsky

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He was the first painter to stop painting pictures of things and instead paint just using colours and shapes. He believed that this let him paint honestly about his feelings.

Often Kandinsky would listen to music while he painted and try to paint what he heard.

All the other painters we have found out about learned a lot from Kandinsky's ideas.





**Red Spot II (1921)**  
by Wassily Kandinsky



**Improvisation 26 (Rowing) (1912)**  
by Wassily Kandinsky



**Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles**  
by Wassily Kandinsky

# Looking at Abstract Art: Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles (1913)



What do you see when you look  
at this painting?

How has the painting been made?

What kind of colours does Kandinsky  
use?

How would you describe these colours?

What shapes can you see?

What kind of lines can you see?

How do you think Kandinsky was  
feeling when he painted this?

How does the painting make you feel?

Do you like it? Why?

# Task:

## Kandinsky Circle Painting



painting template



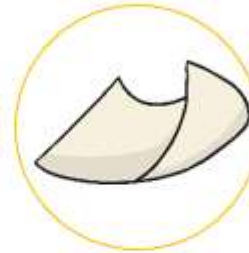
Paint in lots of colours



Brushes



Water



A rag

1. Experiment with mixing colours together. Use white to make them lighter, and black to make them darker. Practice until you have lots of colours that you like.
2. In each square of your template, paint a dot. Use a different colour for each one.
3. Remember: Swish, wipe and blot!
4. Round each dot, paint a circle in a different colour.
5. Round each circle, paint an even bigger circle in a new colour.
6. Finally, fill in any white space you have left in each square in another colour.
7. Experiment and have fun!

# Task:

**What a good circle painting looks like...**





# Reflection:

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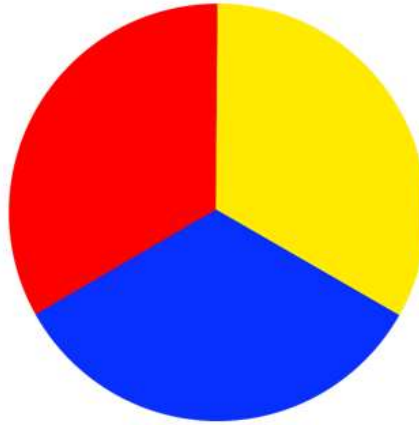
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# Primary Colours

Red, yellow and blue are the **primary** colours.



# Secondary Colours

Orange, green and purple are the **secondary** colours.

You use the **primary** colours to mix these.

