

Abstract Tape Art

Tyke (4-5 years)

What we are going to do:

Create a colourful abstract artwork using simple lines and shapes!



What you will need:

- Painting paper
- any type of paint or markers
- painters tape or masking tape
- paintbrush (if using paint)
- cup of water (if using paint)

What you can also use:

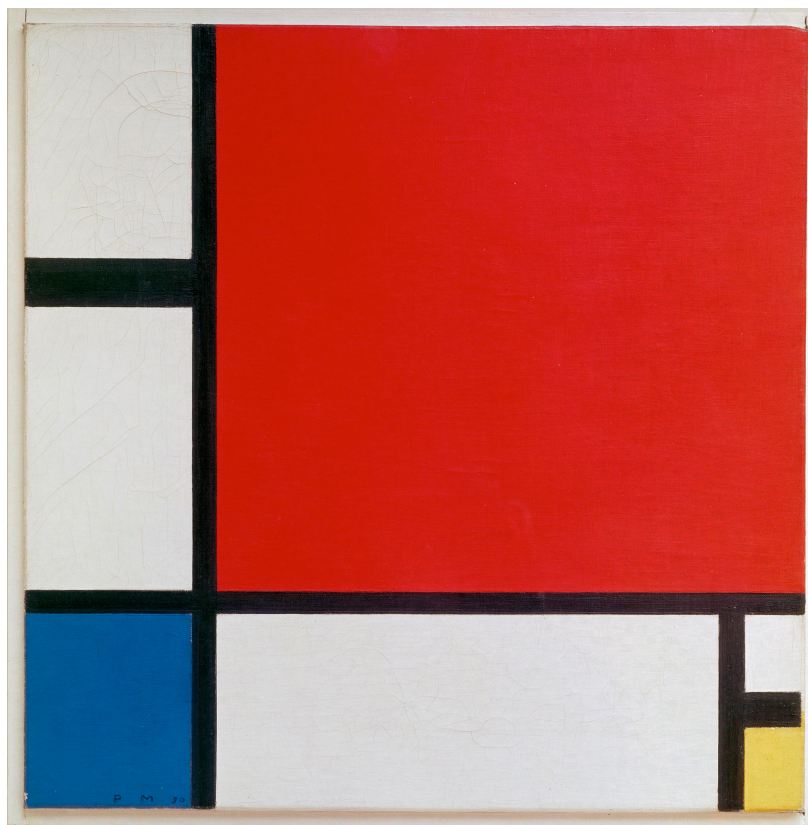
- watercolour paper or canvas
- ruler
- newspaper or drop cloth

Abstract Art

In the spirit of fun and games you will have the opportunity to create a colourful abstract piece of art. What is abstract art? This is art that is created completely from your imagination – it doesn't have to look like something from the real world. Abstract art uses colour and shape to express feelings and thoughts. Dark colours may make you feel sad and bright colours could make you happy. Sharp lines could feel serious, whereas, curvy lines may appear playful.

For the project today you should think about what colours you want to use for your painting, will you use bright or dark colours, or a mix of both?

Below is a photo of a painting called *Composition with Red, Blue and Yellow* created by a famous artist named Piet Mondrian. Piet used the primary colours, squares, rectangles and straight lines to create his abstract painting.

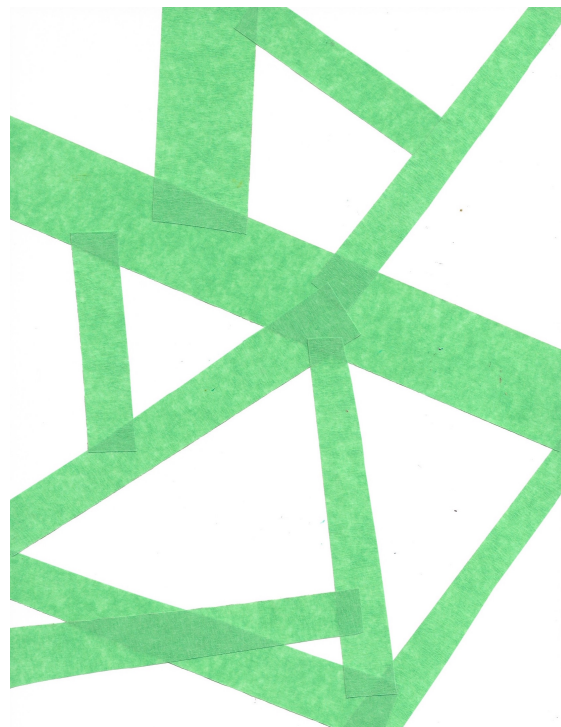
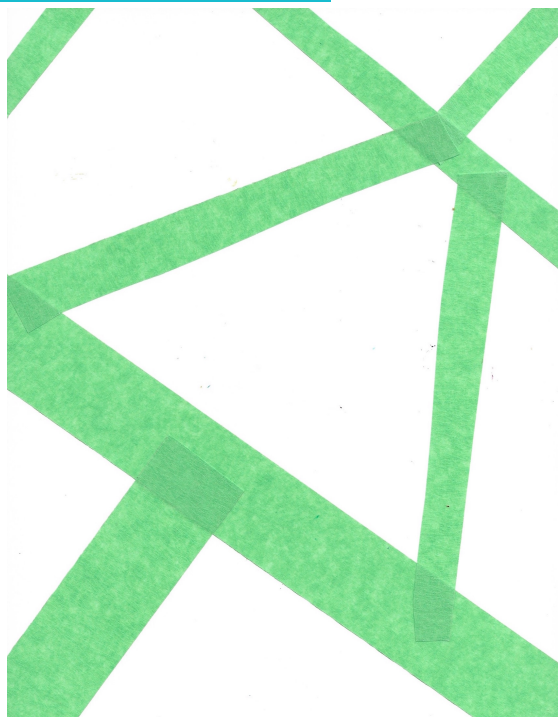


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CREATE A DESIGN

Lets get started! Using your tape cut strips of tape and lay them across your paper in different directions. You could use various widths of tape or keep it all the same. If you don't have tape you could also use your ruler to draw the lines across your paper.

Below are a couple examples of how you might create your design. You can make the design as simple or as complicated as you wish with this process.

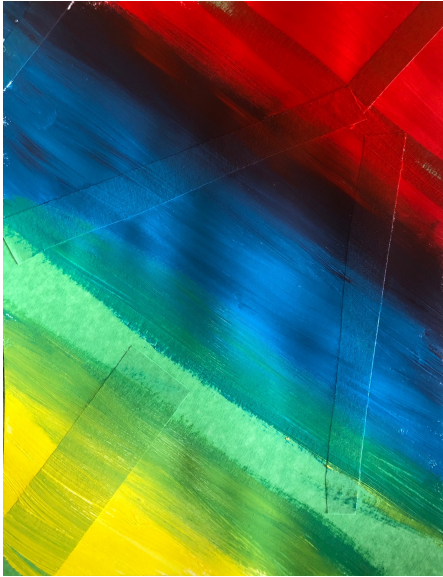


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ADD COLOUR

Now its time for the fun part! Lets add colour to your paper. This can be done with any type of paint or markers. When your adding colour you can choose to mix the colours across the sections or you can keep each section a specific colour. If you're using tape you can paint or draw right over the tape, if you're just following your lines from a ruler you have to be careful to stay within your lines.

The example on the left was made with paint and the one on the right made by using markers.



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REMOVE THE TAPE

The final step is to remove the tape. Slowly and carefully peel back the tape to reveal the white lines below. The better the paper quality you used, the easier it will be to remove the tape. If you used paint you should wait until the paint dries a little longer before removing the tape.

Take a look at your masterpiece!

