# Abstract Expressionism using design multiplication!

### Choose your favorite square to enlarge with Oil Pastel & explore an emotion to go with it.







## **Expressionism:**

### **Expression of emotion with**

## designs and colors. Also, a

### Modern art movement.

 Its typical trait is to present the world solely from a subjective perspective, distorting it radically for emotional effect in order to evoke moods or ideas. Expressionist artists sought to express meaning or emotional experience rather than physical reality.

### **OIL P&STEL PROJECT!**

- Choose your favorite dynamic (exciting) design from Design Multiplication.
- Enlarge onto project paper
- Blend oil pastels to create a colorful art work that can symbolize an emotion of your choice

• Oil pastels are the softest of the wax-based media. They are made of pigments mixed with a non-drying oil and wax binder.



### Student examples













### **<u>2. Analogous Colors</u>**- colors that <u>blend</u> well; Next to each other on the wheel.



Take out your colored pencils.

### **Blend**

Red & Orange. Green & Blue Violet & Red









**3. Complimentary Colors**- colors that are opposite or across from each other on the color wheel. Are more intense when placed beside each other, but will NOT blend well.



#### **Opposite colors:**

Yellow & Violet Red & Green Blue & Orange

Color the opposites next to each other: Yellow & Purple **Orange & Blue** 



Red & Green





### Color the opposites next to each other:Yellow & PurpleOrange & Blue











### 4. Value- lightness or darkness of a color

**5. Shade**- Darkening a color with black or a darker color.

**<u>6. Tint (highlight)</u>** – Lightening a color with white or a lighter color.



VALUE – Fade out with One color

SHADE Light Ebony then color

TINT – One color plus white.



### 7. Intensity: The pureness of a color

- Dark
- Bright
- Opaque
- Solid



- Light
- Dull
- Translucent
- See through





High Intensity v. Low Intensity





### <u>8. Sgraffito</u>- <u>scratching</u> <u>a design</u> through a layer of color







### Modeled 3D Objects



### Oil Pastel Techniques:

- Fade out (gradation)
- Blend (2 colors fading together)
- Tint (one color plus white)
- Shade (one color plus black)
- Sgraffito
- Modeled 3D objects






















# What is art if it does not look "REAL"???





Some <u>ABSTRACT</u> art contains objects that are simplified so much that they simply don't look "real" anymore... "Sea Battle"

Kandinsky abstracted (simplified) the image of two tall ships shooting cannonballs at each other.

Though it does not show a sea battle, it makes us experience one, with its <u>confusion, courage,</u> <u>excitement, & furious</u> motion.





- Some artists make art for the purpose of expressing their **moods** or **emotions**.
- Art can be more about the **idea** or **thought**.
- Some artists paint for the **process** and not the end **product** (the picture).
- Finally, some just want you to question!

Another way to describe this style of art we will be making is: 9. NON-OBJECTIVE Art

- <u>No recognizable objects or symbols</u> that look real.
- Try to imagine the *feeling* you get from looking at it.

## How does an artist communicate without using actual objects or symbols?



- Lines
- Shapes
- Spaces
- Forms
- Colors
- Values
- Textures

## Elements of art can represent feelings & moods:

- A jagged line could represent anger.
- A smooth curvy line could represent calmness.
- Red can represent anger, love, passion, sharpness, fire, courage, or blood.
- Green can represent peace, spring, growth, life, or jealousy.
- A sharp texture can represent frustration, while a smooth texture can represent peace.

Whatever element it is, the most important part is that you assign the meaning to the colors, lines, shapes, spaces, and textures. There is no right or wrong association – as long as you know the link!

Here are some examples of artists to inspire you...

...try to imagine how each artwork makes you feel!



WASSILY KANDINSKY

### What is the main color?

### What mood might this color represent?

### How do the lines make you feel?



### Wassily Kandinsky said:





Vasily Kandinsky The Museum of Modern Art, New York













### Willem de Kooning

• The attitude that nature is chaotic and that the artist puts order into it is a very absurd point of view, I think. All that we can hope for is to put some order into ourselves." Willem de Kooning







### **Hans Hoffmann**

What elements of art do you see here?

### **Jackson Pollock**

### Action painting



### **Mark Rothko**

Color field paintings...

How does this painting make you feel?



### **Mark Rothko**



How does this painting make you feel differently from the previous one?

### **Franz Kline** What element of art does he use?



franz kine: black & white 1950-1961 whitney museum of american art december 16 1994 - march 12 1995

### **Robert Motherwell:**

### What element has he used?



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### Contemporary Artist: <u>Howard Sherman</u>









### www.howardhserman.com



Mrs. Meisner's example: Inspired by Kandinsky



So, now how would you justify abstract expressionism to someone who has never seen it?!

### Oil Pastel Techniques:

- 1. Fade out (Value gradation with 1 color)
- 2. Blend (2 colors fading together)
- 3. Tint (one color plus white)
- 4. Shade (one color plus black)
- 5. Sgraffito
- 6. 3 Modeled 3D objects

### **Grading requirements:**

My design is asymmetrical and/or dynamic (exciting).

I blended <u>analogous colors</u> throughout my artwork. (colors that are next to each other on the color wheel)

I included <u>detail</u> so that I achieved a <u>variety</u> of <u>patterns</u>, <u>shapes</u>, and <u>sizes</u>.

I continued working until my artwork was *interesting* to look at.

My artwork is neat & clean (and not wrinkled or messy).

I used at least 4 of the 6 techniques with the oil pastel.

My art reflects an emotion.