

René Magritte



Born in Belgium in 1898, Magritte was part of a group of artists called the surrealists. Painting everyday things really well in weird and unusual places, like this cat floating around in a hat!

For this activity you will need:

3 x Paper, Pencil, Water Colour Paints, Paintbrush and a cup of water.

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Let's start with our composition to get everything into place!

→ Fold your paper to make it more of a square.

→ Sketch where things are in the foreground (front) of your artwork. The cat, hat and table.

→ Finally sketch in some clouds for your background!



Don't worry if it takes a few practices...



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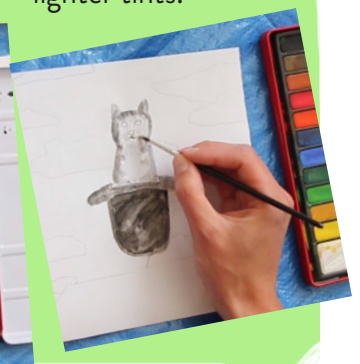
Let's now focus on painting the cat and the hat.

Using another piece of paper practice making the colour black get lighter and lighter by adding more and more water.

→ When you're happy, you can start painting the hat, which is the darkest.

→ Then get a bit lighter for the cat's body. Around the outside it's dark grey and on the inside light grey.

→ Finally, where you can see it's even lighter, paint over with white to make lighter tints.



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We're ready to use other colours now.

→ Paint those beautiful golden eyes!

→ The table: brown, red and orange.

→ Finally, the light blue sky and clouds.

Not too much water because these eyes are quite small...

For this you can mix your colours together on the paper to make it look like wood.

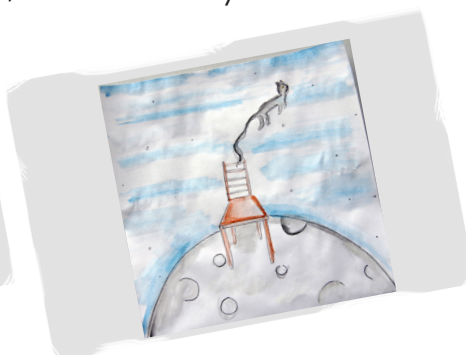
To make light blue and grey, try mixing white with these colours on your watercolour tray.



Final Outcome:



Using the same techniques, here's what else you could make:



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