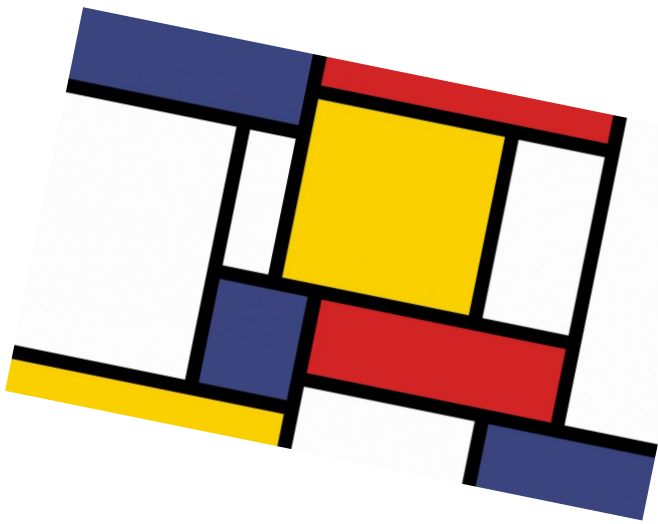


Piet Mondrian



Born in the Netherlands in 1872, Mondrian's artistic direction developed from figurative paintings of natural forms like flowers and trees. Towards abstract representations with geometric shapes and patterns.

For this activity you will need:
Plain paper, pencil and oil pastels.

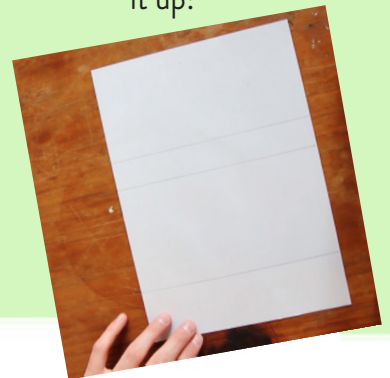
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Begin by measuring 10 centimetres from the top downwards on either side of your page, adding a little mark on both sides to show where it is.

→ Great! Now using your ruler and pencil draw a line between both marks you just made. This should create a nice horizontal line...

→ Continue from the line you just made 3 centimetres down on both sides, then join it up as you did before.

→ Finally do one more line however many centimetres down you want to, do the same on both sides of course. Then join it up!



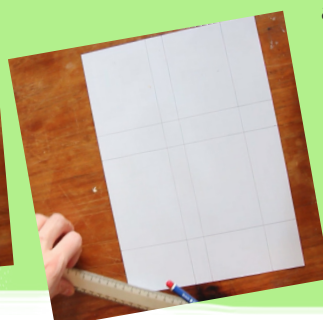
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Now for our vertical lines, measure 8 centimetres across at the top and the bottom of your page and mark it!

→ Now using your ruler join them up...

→ Next mark 2 centimetres across from the line you just drew at both the top and bottom, and then join them up!

→ Finally choose a length across from the line you just made, but again do the same at top and bottom, mark them and join them up.

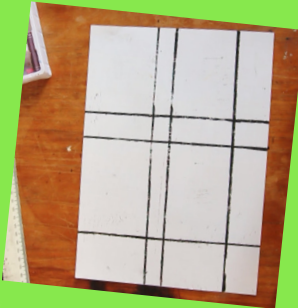


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Now for our bold outlines and colours!

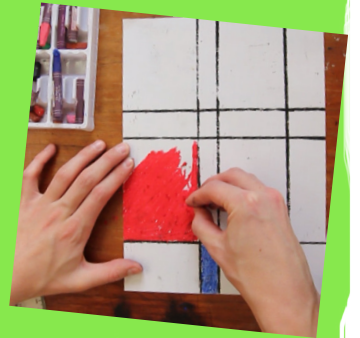


→ Begin by using your black oil pastel to go over the lines you just drew; it helps to use the ruler to do this...

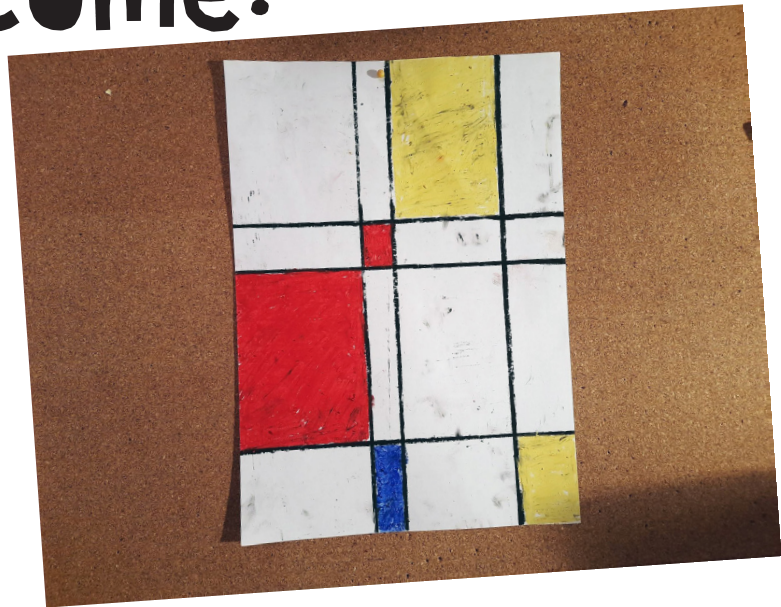


→ Now you should have lots of rectangles, it's up to you what colours you use but Mondrian famously used the primary colours; red, blue and yellow.

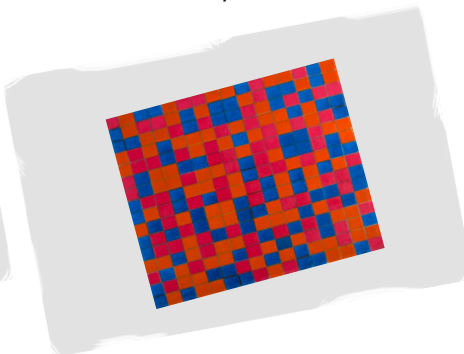
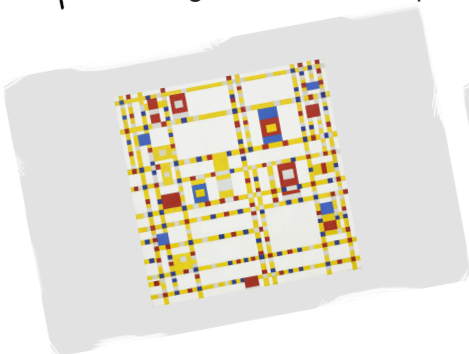
→ Don't forget to leave a few of the boxes white...



Final Outcome:



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



If you like Piet Mondrian, you might also like:



Agnes Martin



Lyubov Popova



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Keep up the great work!