

Y3 Kandinsky and shapes

Wassily Kandinsky



The painting is Composition VIII by the Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky and it shows how he has used 2D shapes, straight lines and curved lines to create his picture. It is known as abstract art because it uses shape, lines and colour to represent objects.

Take your time to look at the painting by Kandinsky. Can you look at just one section of the painting?



1. Can you identify any shapes in the painting?
2. How many 2D shapes can you find? How many triangles? Circles? Quadrilaterals?
3. Where could you draw extra lines to complete more 2D shapes?
4. Estimate how many straight lines you can see? How could you check how many there are?
5. Are any of the lines parallel?
6. Are any of the lines perpendicular?
7. Can you find an acute angle?
8. Can you find an obtuse angle?
9. Can you identify a right angle?

Can you create your own version of this painting?

- Use a ruler or circular shapes to draw around
- Your picture must include: acute, obtuse and right angles
2D shapes –quadrilaterals (4-sided shapes), triangles, circles
Perpendicular and parallel lines
- Can you add colour to your painting too?

