

BE THE ARTIST

Color Study Fun

It's fun to blend colors and try different combinations of colors next to each other to see how you react to them. This is a color exercise that is a tribute to the famous artist Wassily Kandinsky, who created his famous paintings of color and circles starting 1913. He is also considered to be one of the first abstract artists.

Supplies

- plain paper
- paint or crayons—use something that you can blend and make new colors with

Instructions

- Take a piece of paper and fold it into squares or rectangles.
- In each square, draw a circle and color it a different color.
- Add another color, sometimes overlapping the colors.
- Change up the colors in the squares that are next to each other. Try not to repeat colors.
- Fill the whole page until no more of the paper is showing.
- Once you are done, look carefully at your art and notice that parts of the circles seem to come toward you and others appear far behind.

Want to create more?

Take your circle art up a notch and add a little resistance on the page. You can do this working with crayons and applying them very heavily. You can paint the whole page with India ink or watercolor paints, let it dry, and then rub the whole piece with a paper towel. You can also create color studies using few circles or other shapes, both in clear sections of the paper or more free-flowing.

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