

# CHARLES DEMUTH

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## MATERIALS

- Paper
- Oil Pastels
- Pencil
- Watercolor Paints
- Ruler

## "THE GREAT FIGURE"

Among the rain  
and lights  
I saw the figure 5  
in gold  
on a red  
firetruck  
moving  
tense  
unheeded  
to gong clangs  
siren howls  
and wheels rumbling  
through the dark city.

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- Born: 11-8-1883, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, America
- Precisionist Movement
- Painted in his own backyard
- I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold



## CHARLES DEMUTH

Best known for his use of watercolor to portray the industrial and natural landscapes of his hometown in Pennsylvania.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Choose favorite number and write it large, then repeat the same number 3 times - getting *progressively* smaller with oil pastel..
2. Draw 3 circles and 3 diagonal lines with oil pastel - *random repetition for asymmetrical balance*
3. Use watercolor to add color

\*Oil pastel resists the water liquid watercolor while the paint stacks into paper, it just beads off the oil pastel line.