

# WASSILY KANDINSKY

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## MATERIALS

- Paper
- Oil Pastels
- Pencil
- Tissue
- Ruler

## ABSTRACT ART

- "Abstract art is art that does not attempt to represent as accurate depiction of a visual reality but instead uses shapes, colors, forms, and gestural marks to achieve its effect"  
~Wassily Kandinsky

## IMPORTANT FACTS

- Born: 12-12-1866, Russia
- Father of Abstract Art
- He was also a lawyer
- He was inspired by Monet's "Haystack" series
- His love for art started with a love for music



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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Using pencil and ruler, divide your paper into squares.
2. With Oil Pastels, build up circles, adding bigger circles of color around the first, until you have filled the square colorful, **concentric** circles
3. Take tissue and rub around each circle of color at a time. Follow each color's ring. Don't rub over the rings at the same time because that will blur the colors together. When you are rubbing over each of the colors, you're removing the top layer for the Oil Pastel onto your tissue.

## MORE ON WASSILY KANDINSKY

- Father of Abstract Art
- Born in Moscow, Russian on 12 December 1866
- Condition called "Synesthesia" which allowed him to hear color; he could picture color when he heard music - He loved music
- His love for art started with a love for music
- He was also a successful lawyer until he was 30
- He was a law professor at University of Dorpat
- Kandinsky was inspired by Monets "Haystack" series which he saw in 1896
- Art teacher at the Bauhaus school of art
- More of an art theorist
- Nazis regarded his work as being "degenerate"
- He didn't conform to the spirit of USSR
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