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Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian painter. Many people think he was the first abstract artist.



Abstract Painting
by Wassily Kandinsky

All about Wassily Kandinsky

(1866 - 1944)

Russian

Wassily Kandinsky was born in Russia, in 1866. When he grew up, he worked as a teacher at a university but it didn't make him happy.

When he was 30, he left his job and went to art school. He found art school easy and was very good at his studies.

Kandinsky thought a lot about what colours mean and how they make people feel. He believed that colours had a soul.



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He was the first painter to stop painting pictures of things and instead paint just using colours and shapes. He believed that this let him paint honestly about his feelings.

Often Kandinsky would listen to music while he painted and try to paint what he heard.

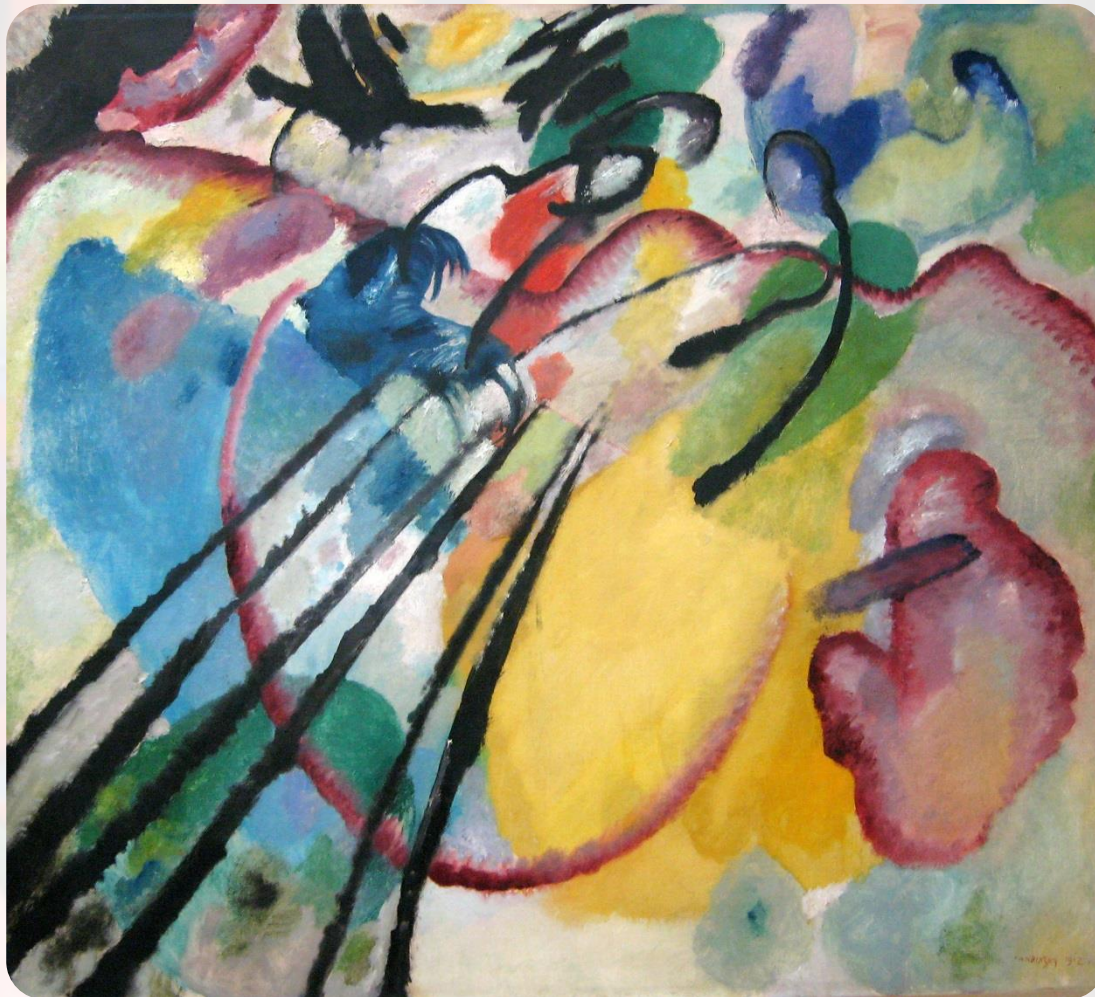
All the other painters we have found out about learned a lot from Kandinsky's ideas.





Red Spot II (1921)
by Wassily Kandinsky

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Improvisation 26 (Rowing) (1912)
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Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles
by Wassily Kandinsky

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Colour Mixing

We have been learning about colour mixing.



Primary Colours

We have
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the **primary**
colours.



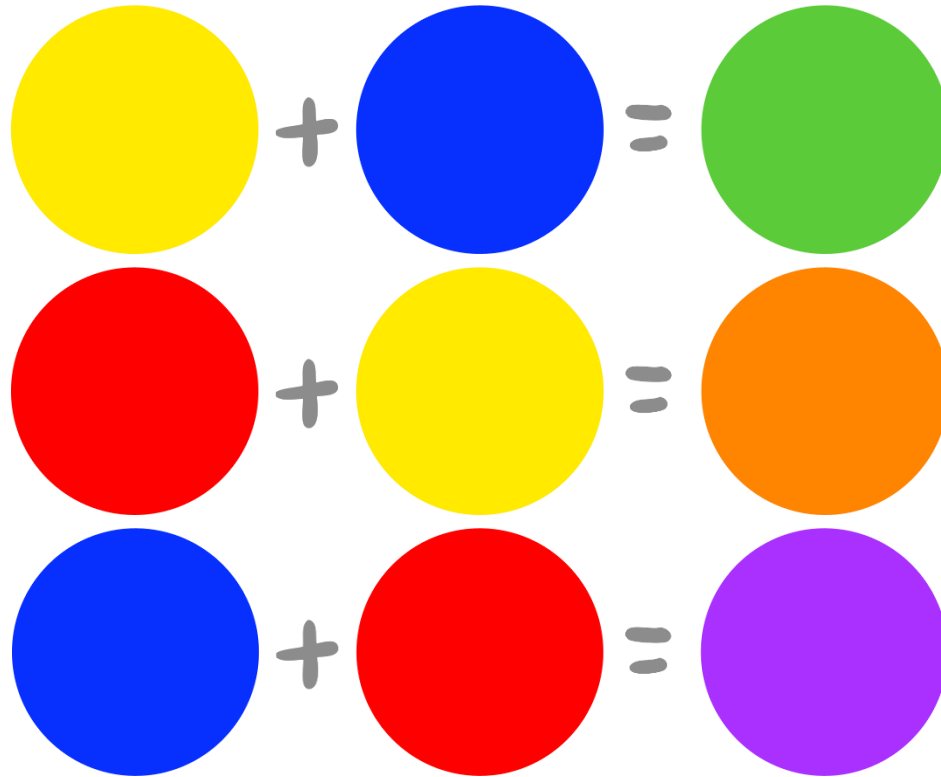
Secondary Colours

We have learnt about **secondary** colours.

You use the **primary** colours to mix these.



Mixing Secondary Colours



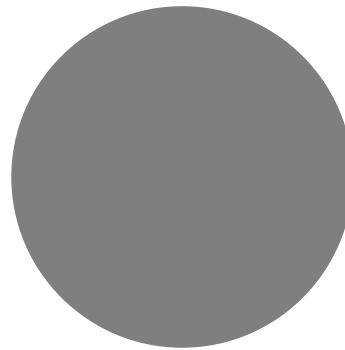
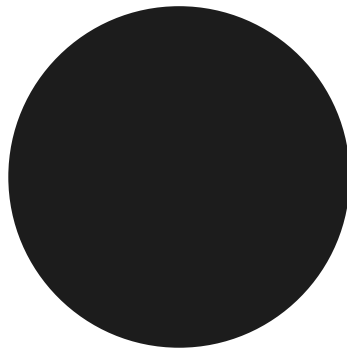
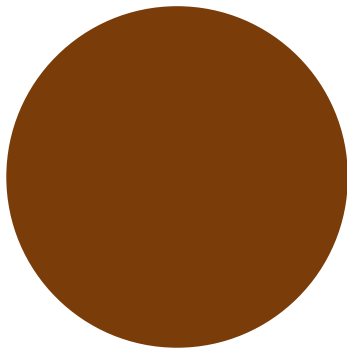
Mixing Secondary Colours

We have
practised
mixing lots
more colours!



Neutral Colours

We have learnt about neutral colours.



Mixing Tints

If we add white to a colour, we can make tints.
This makes a colour lighter.



Mixing Shades

If we add black to a colour, we can make shades.

This makes the colour darker.



Warm and Cool Colours

We have learnt about warm and cool colours.



Warm Colours

Red, orange, and yellow are warm colours. They make us think of sunny, warm and cosy things.



Cool Colours

Green, blue and purple are cool colours. They make us think of fresh, calm and chilly things.



Using Every Colour

Today we are going to use all the colours!



Looking at Abstract Art: Colour Studies: Squares with Concentric Circles (1913)



What do you see when you look at this painting?

How has the painting been made?

What kind of colours does Kandinsky use?

How would you describe these colours?

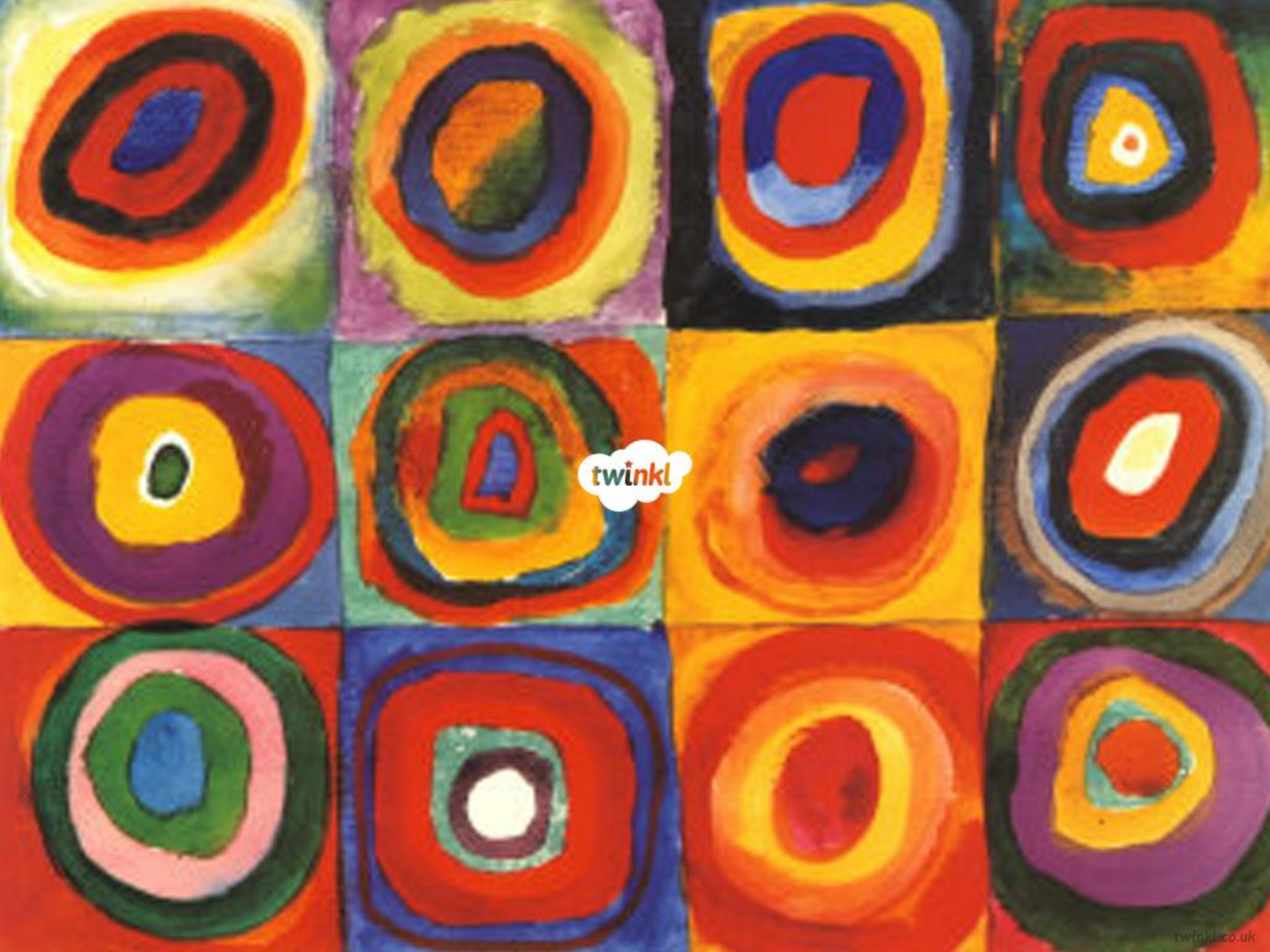
What shapes can you see?

What kind of lines can you see?

How do you think Kandinsky was feeling when he painted this?

How does the painting make you feel?

Do you like it? Why?



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