



## MODERN ART

Learn about artists from the 19th and 20th Century and try these techniques to create a modern art piece.

### This week's activities: Neoplastic Art - Impressionism

## Neoplastic Art

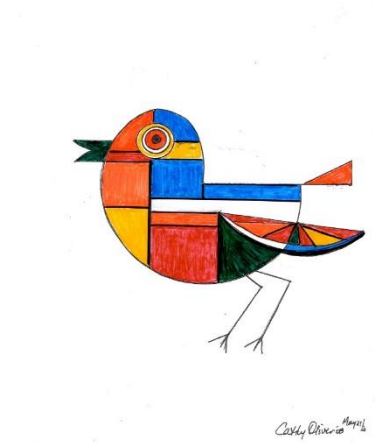
Piet Mondrian used red, blue and yellow horizontal and vertical lines in his paintings. He called it 'Neo-plasticism.'

### Suggested Materials:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Paint or crayons – anything you have, to add colour. Primary colours are red, blue, and yellow, but you can use whatever colours you like.

### Directions:

1. Draw an image in pencil on paper. Here we used a bird. What will you choose?
2. Draw horizontal and vertical lines breaking up the space on your paper. Mondrian often drew the lines in black.
3. Colour boxes or leave them blank.



## Post-Impressionism

Post-impressionism developed in France in the 19th Century as a reaction to Impressionism. Post-impressionist painters used intense colours (even 'wrong' colours) and would change the shapes of objects they were painting.

Vincent Van Gogh was a post-Impressionist painter. You may have seen his *Starry Night* painting.

### Suggested Materials:

- Paper
- Paint



## Directions

1. Pick your subject – it could be what you see from your window, bedroom, anything you want.
2. When you pick your colours, try an unexpected colour, or make it bolder than what you see with your eyes.
3. Try exaggerating the shapes of what you're painting.

## Links to eResources:

Check out our [eBooks](#) on these topics:



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Check out [Hoopla](#) at [hoopladigital.com](http://hoopladigital.com) for *Van Gogh and The Post-Impressionists for Kids* by Carol Sabeth and for other books on modern artists.

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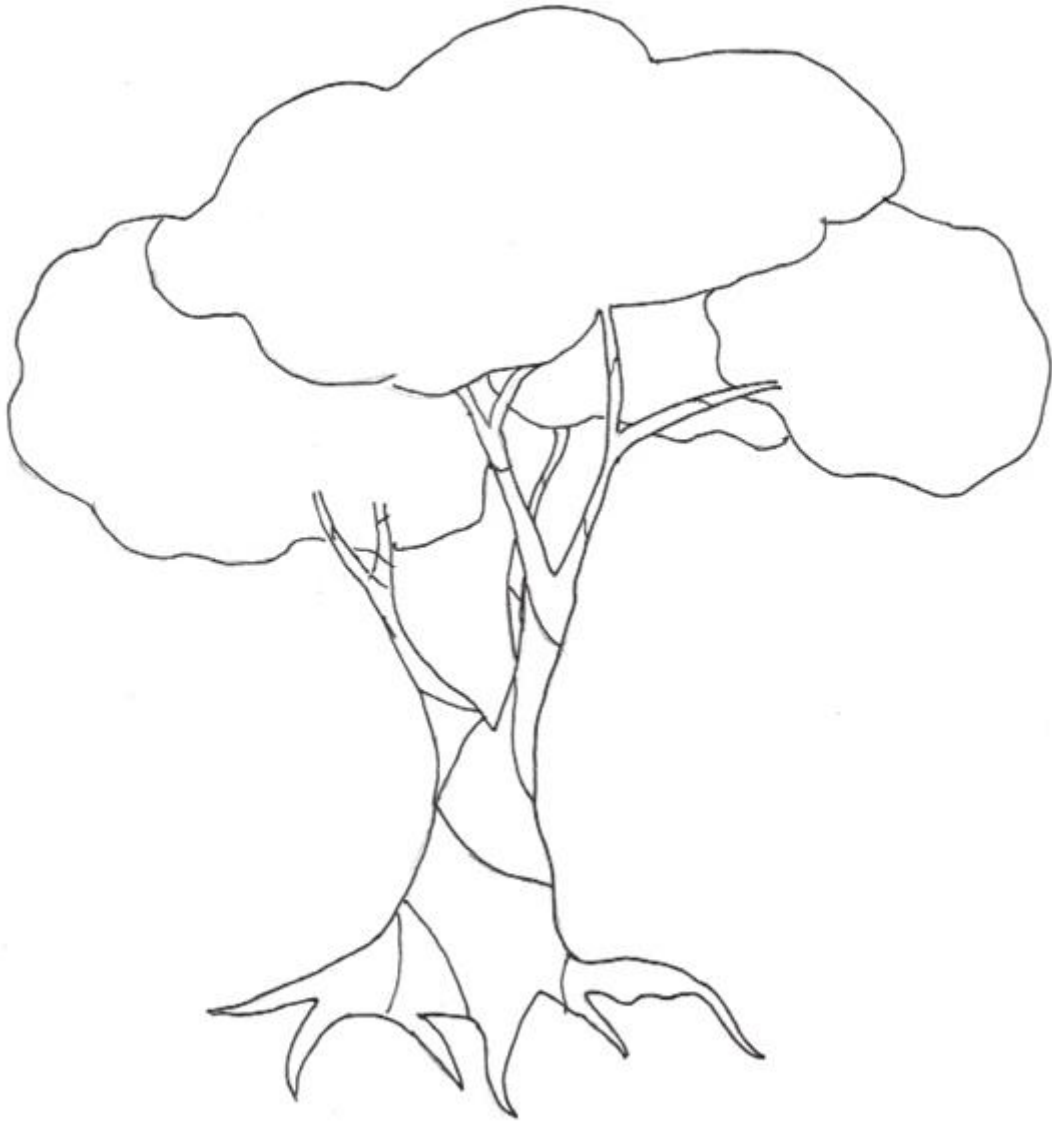
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