

SWIRL LIKE VAN GOGH

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Vincent Willem van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist painter. His work really influenced modern art because of its striking colours and emotional power.

Let's investigate Van Gogh's swirl technique in pens and pencils. This activity will develop your mark-making techniques with directional dashes to show movement and shape within a picture.

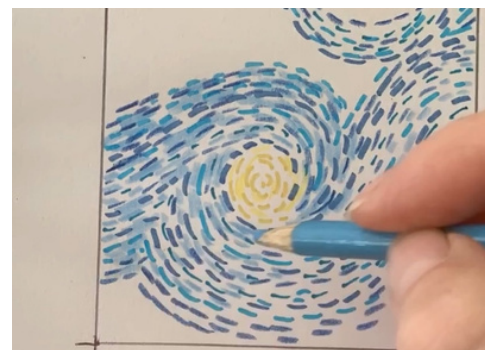
Here's how:

1. Start by drawing yourself a frame around 10cm x 10cm on a piece of plain paper.
2. Select some blue pens and pencils, plenty of different shades and types of pens if you can find them, a good mix is ideal.
3. Start by drawing a dotted line and make a swirling shape across the paper.
4. Next follow along the shape you have just made with a different type of pen or pencil, keeping the dashes of your line close together.
5. Inside the swirl shape, make a circle of dashes like a whirlpool in a yellow, or orange or gold, or a mixture of all of these colours
6. Continue to follow the swirl shape until you have filled your square with dashes all following the same direction.

If you've enjoyed this activity, take a look at Van Gogh's painting "Starry Night" and recreate the rest of the sky in the dashes you have just learned how to use.

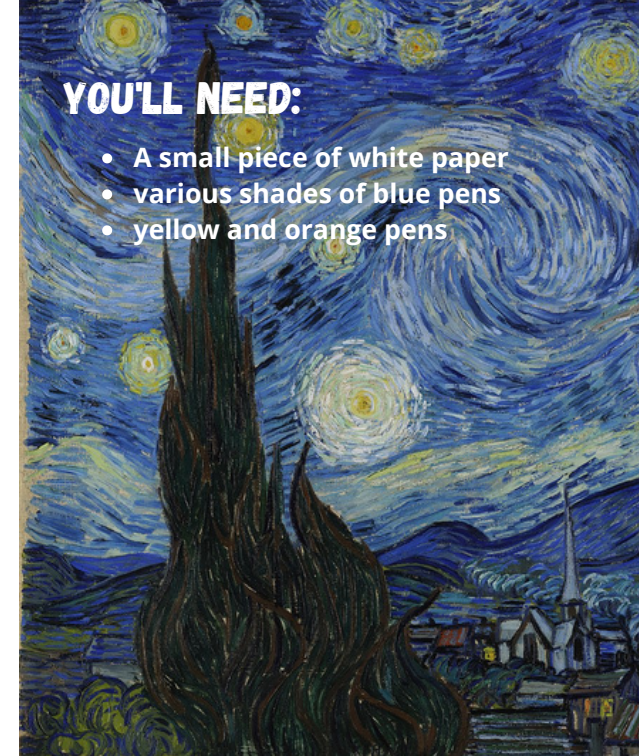
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YOU'LL NEED:

- A small piece of white paper
- various shades of blue pens
- yellow and orange pens



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