



Make art

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Do you love to draw, paint and make things?

Artists love to create.
They make drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and other things for us to look at. Some artists love to experiment with shapes, colours and textures to create abstract patterns.

Look at these abstract artworks from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, become an artist and create your own colourful abstraction.

above: Ralph Balson
Construction in green
1942, oil on paperboard,
Art Gallery of New
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Australian art 1970
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Abstraction 1950,
oil on hardboard,
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below and cover (detail):
Frank Weitzel **Abstract
design 1** c1932, colour
linocut on ivory tissue,
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Abstract collage

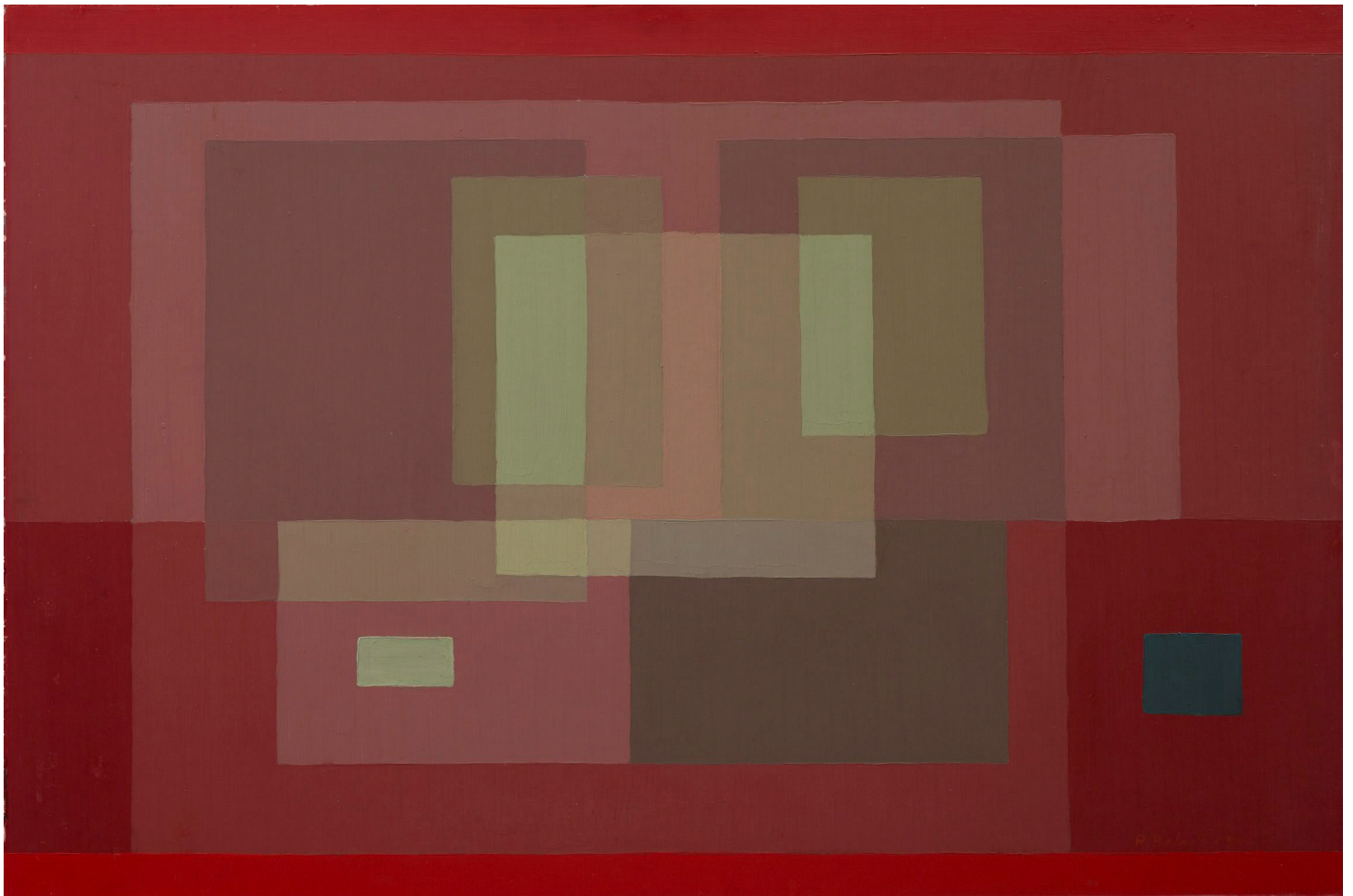
Abstract artworks don't usually depict the world around us. Instead, the artist experiments with shapes and colours to express a mood or to show the different effects colours have when placed together, or simply for the joy of creating patterns.

Make your own abstract collage influenced by these artworks.

Remember, you are the artist so you can decide on the colours, the shapes and what your artwork will look like.

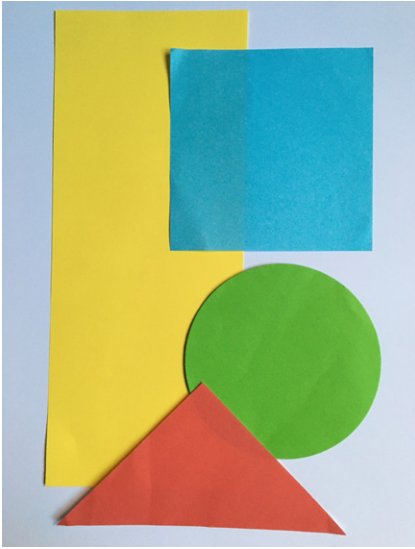
You will need:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloured paper shapes
- Tissue paper
- Stickers
- Corrugated card shapes
- Your imagination!



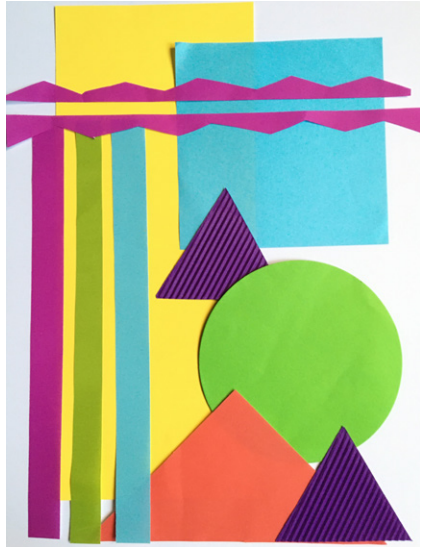
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Take some of the shapes and start laying them out in front of you. Decide if you want to cut them up and what colours look good together.



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Start cutting and adding more shapes to your arrangement. Move them around until you like how it looks.



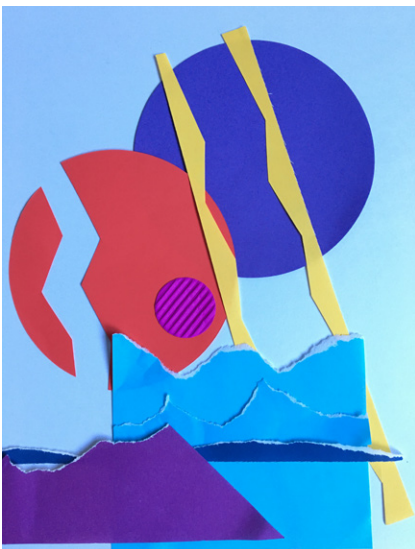
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You could lay tissue paper over your shapes to change the appearance of some of the colours and add a sense of depth.



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You can also experiment with ripping the paper instead of cutting it. Or you can cut through shapes and spread them out or overlap a dark colour with a light colour.



5

Add some more cut shapes and pieces of corrugated card to create more texture in your artwork.



6

Finish off your design by adding smaller shapes and stickers, then glue everything down when you are happy with your final arrangement. The possibilities are endless!

