



Make a Basquiat scratchy cat

What you need

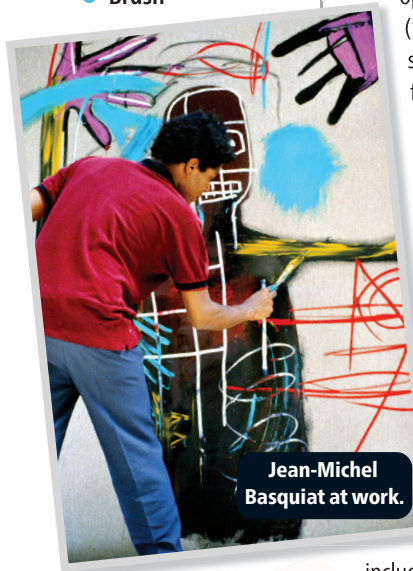
- Paper
- Colouring pens
- Black wax crayon
- Something sharp to scrape with
- Brush

Olaf Falafel is a children's author, illustrator, dad of two daughters and a comedian. During the first lockdown he created an online art club (tinyurl.com/TWJ-olafart). Each episode was filled with jokes, useful drawing tips, funny animations and stupid jokes like this one: "Did you know that dogs can't operate MRI machines – but cats can ('CAT scan', get it?)". They also included some almost educational stuff about his favourite artists, including Jean-Michel Basquiat. Over to you, Olaf...

"Basquiat was an artist who rose to fame in the 1980s in New York, US. He started out as a graffiti artist and he would spray slogans and messages onto the sides of buildings. He moved on to painting on canvases and famous people such as pop star Madonna and artist Andy Warhol were big fans of his work.

His artworks have a rough, energetic feel and they focus on subjects such as poverty, injustice and segregation (keeping people separated). Common objects found throughout his paintings

include crowns, skulls, animals and faces."



Jean-Michel Basquiat at work.



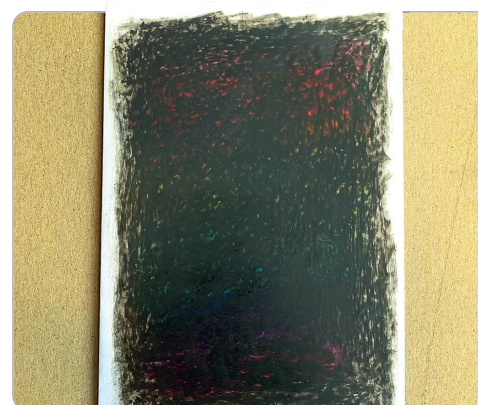
Olaf Falafel with his creation.



1 Firstly, take a sheet of paper and colour it in with a vibrant rainbow design.



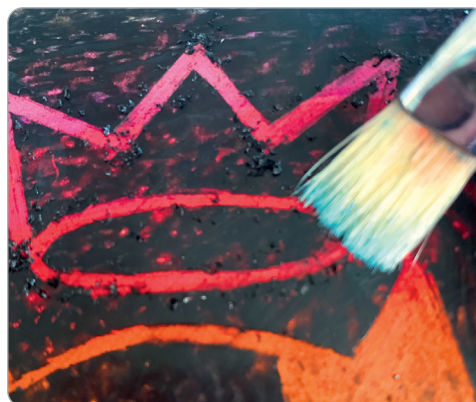
2 Then, using a black wax crayon, start colouring over your rainbow.



3 Make sure your entire design is covered with the black wax crayon.



4 Using something sharp (I used a wooden skewer) start to scratch out a drawing.



5 Create whatever image you like, then brush away any loose bits of wax.



6 I created a scratchy cat – purely because it sort of rhymes with Basquiat.

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