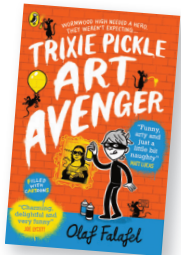




Create a Pointillism pet portrait

What you need

- A pet (or a photo of an animal)
- A pencil and rubber
- Felt-tip pens
- A piece of paper



Seurat's painting.



Hello my name's Olaf Falafel, I'm a children's author, illustrator, dad and a stand-up comedian. During the lockdowns I created an online Art Club. Each episode was packed with drawing tips, animations and jokes like this one: What do you call an alligator in a vest? An investigator! I've also just had my first story book published. It's called *Trixie Pickle Art Avenger* and it's about a girl who gets back at bullies using inspiration from different artists.

This week we're looking at an art movement called Pointillism. This is a painting technique that uses lots of small coloured dots arranged in patterns to create a picture. Probably the most famous Pointillist artist is a French man called Georges Seurat who, in 1884, painted *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte* (left). Instead of mixing paints, Seurat put lots of dots close to one another. When you stand away from the painting, the colours seem to blend together.

I'm going to show you how to create your own Pointillism pet portrait. Just remember the five Ps: pens, paper, a pet and plenty of patience! My cat (called Badger) doesn't stay still for long, so I took a photo of her to use for reference.



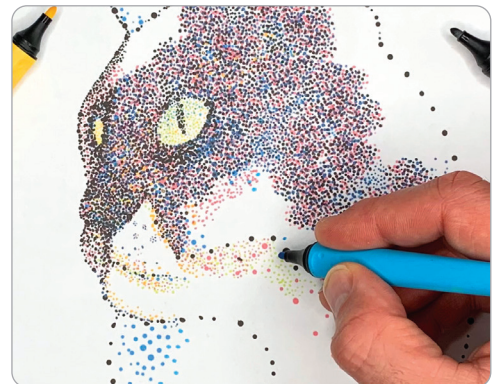
Olaf with his dotty portrait.



1 Find a desk or a space to draw. Have your pens, paper and reference photo (the picture you want to copy) ready in front of you.



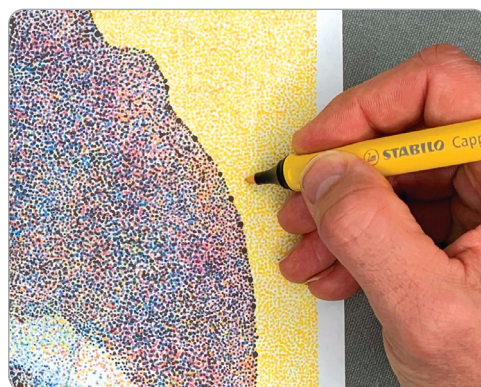
2 Draw a rough dotted outline of your pet. Do it in pencil first, then once you are happy with it, go over the dots with a black felt-tip pen.



3 With the other felt tips, fill the inside of the shape with lots of dots of different colours – even if your pet (like mine) is black and white.



4 Try using different coloured pens. I used red, blue, green, purple and yellow dots.



5 Now colour the background. Using just one colour of dots for this makes the image clear.



6 Congratulations! With lots of patience you've created your own Pointillism masterpiece.

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