



Create Futurist fireworks art

What you need

- A sheet of card
- A sheet of paper
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Coloured pencils

Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel. I'm a children's author, illustrator, dad and also a comedian. During the Covid-19 lockdowns I created an online Art Club, each episode was filled with drawing tips, funny animations and lots of silly jokes like this one: What did the artist draw before he went to bed? The curtains!

In this issue, I'm going to teach you a bit about an art style called Futurism. Futurism started more than 100 years ago in Italy. The artists who belonged to the movement created abstract paintings and sculptures. Abstract art doesn't represent images of the real world and the art isn't meant to be realistic. The art is dramatic and gives a sense of speed and action. The Futurists were fascinated by technology and methods of travel that were new at the time including cars, planes and trains.

One of the leading artists in the Futurist movement was Giacomo Balla. He created artworks that used lots of geometric shapes (lines, triangles, circles) and bright colours. Some of his paintings look a bit like explosions. With Bonfire Night on 5 November, I'm going to show you how you can take inspiration from Futurism to make your own abstract fireworks art.

Giacomo Balla



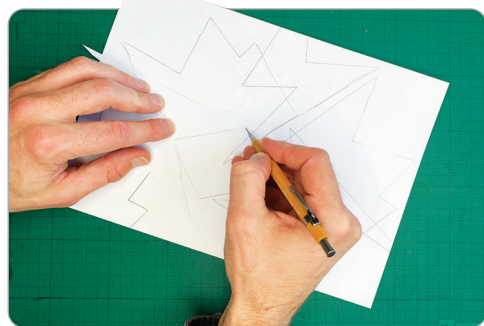
Follow Olaf's steps to create a Futurist firework drawing.

BIG BANG
The colours in fireworks come from different chemicals, but no one has worked out how to make bright blue.

WARNING!
Ask an adult to help you use the scissors.

1 Prepare your workspace

Place your card, paper, pencils and scissors in front of you.

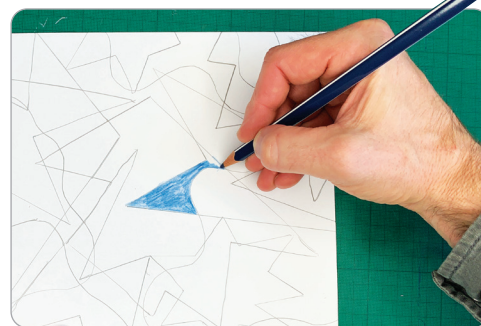


4 Take the paper

Place the templates on the paper. Draw around them so the paper is full of overlapping shapes.

2 Draw some shapes

On your sheet of card, draw some different shapes. They can be jagged and smooth.



5 Bring the colour

Now colour in each area using different coloured pencils.

3 Cut out the shapes

Take your scissors. Carefully cut out the shapes. These will be your templates.



6 Add shade

Use a darker colour to add contrast to each shape. Keep going until the whole sheet is coloured in.

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