# Colour Y7

How a work of art or design looks and what we feel about it depends on a number of colour choices:

- •Colour relationship are there similar, harmonious colours or very different, contrasting colours?
- •Colour temperature how warm or cool are the colours used?
- •Strength of colour are pure hues, lighter tints, darker shades or less vibrant tones used?
- •Emotional response what moods or feelings do the colours suggest?





#### PRIMARY COLOURS

The primary colours are red, yellow and blue.
They cannot be made by mixing other colours
together. The primary colours sit equal distances apart
on the colour wheel.

All other colours can be mixed from red, yellow and blue.

# Secondary colours

**Secondary** colours are made by mixing equal amounts of primary colours together:

- \*Blue and red mixed together make purple
- ·Yellow and red mixed together make orange
- \*Blue and yellow mixed together make green

Purple, orange and green are **secondary** colours. On the colour wheel, each secondary colour sits halfway between the two primary colours it is mixed from.

# The colour wheel

The colour wheel helps us understand the relationships between colours, primary colours, secondary colours and tertiary colours.

# **Tertiary colours**

A **tertiary** colour is made by mixing equal amounts of a primary colour and a secondary colour together. There are six tertiary colours. On the colour wheel, they sit between the primary and secondary colour they are mixed from.

- Orange and yellow mix to make yellow-orange (this may also be referred to as amber)
- \*Red and orange mix to make red-orange (this may be referred to as vermillion)
- Purple and red mix to make red-purple (this may also be referred to as magenta)
- Blue and purple mix to make blue-purple (this may also be referred to as violet)
- Green and blue mix to make blue-green (this may also be referred to as turquoise or teal)
- Yellow and green mix to make yellow-green (this may also be referred to as chartreuse or spring green)



### Tints, shades and tones

Few artists use only pure colours from around the colour wheel. Often artist will use tints, shades and tones when mixing colours.

#### COMPLEMENTARY COLOURS

one of a pair of primary or <u>secondary</u>
<u>colours</u> opposed to the other member of the pair on
a schematic chart or scale (colour wheel),

as green opposed to red, orange opposed to blue, or violet opposed to yellow.

the relationship of these pairs of colours perceived as completing or enhancing each other

## ANALOGOUS / HARMONIOUS COLOUR

Any one of a group of related colours that are near each other on the colour wheel, a circular chart that shows gradations of colour:

Red, orange, and yellow are analogous colours



# Painting Techniques

Y7







# WASSILY KANDINSKY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER



### Biography

- Wassily Kandinsky was a Russian painter.
- -He is considered to be one of the leading figures in creating abstract art (art that is not intended to show images of our everyday world).
- -Kandinsky was a keen experimenter, and his style and techniques changed throughout his life.
- -He is most famous for works such as On White II. Composition VII and Farbstudie Quadrate.
- -Kandinsky was fascinated by colour, and was also interested in geometry. Vibrant colours and geometrical shapes can therefore be seen throughout his work.
- He only started painting studies aged around 30.



-Kandinsky lived between 1866 and 1944. He was born in Moscow, Russia, However, he later moved to France and became a French citizen.

### Significant Works

On White I



Farbstudie Quadrate (1913)

(1923)

Composition

VII

(1913)



with Concentric Circles.'

-This drawing is a study of how different colour combinations are viewed by the observer. Kandinsky believed that colours could combine to create sounds and music.

-In On White II, Kandinsky explores the features of life and death

-Life is shown as white, alongside several colours, showing the vibrancy and possibilities of life. Death is presented as black, cutting through the white, to show how death can destroy the joy of life.

Composition VII is often considered to be the most important abstract painting of all time.

- It is a huge painting, measuring 200 x 300cm. Kandinsky worked on 30 preliminary sketches for this painting.

-The whole piece is purely abstract - there are no representational meanings. Kandinsky considered it his greatest composition.

-The name of the painting means 'Squares

# Styles and Techniques

 Abstract art is a type of modern art which does not aim to represent images of our everyday world. -Abstract art has colours, shapes and lines, but these are not intended to show objects or living things.

 Abstract art encourages imagination and thinking 'outside of the box.'

 -Kandinsky was one of the first to create purely abstract art. Although the paintings may look random, these paintings used colours to express emotions.

-Constructivism began around 1915, and was a specific type of abstract art. Some of Kandinsky's work could be described as constructivist.

 Constructivist artists believed that art should reflect the modern industrial world.

-The main idea of constructivism is that art should be carefully 'constructed' rather than just painted.

-Expressionism was another art movement that began in the early 1900s. Some of Kandinsky's work (especially his later work) could be described as expressionist.

-Expressionist art tries to show emotions and feelings rather than the realities of the physical world.

-To show emotions, the subjects are often distorted or exaggerated, and colours are vivid and shocking.







# Step 2: Split your A3 page into six equal

squares (creating a 3x2 grid).

Step 1: Turn on your music! Abstract painting is about hearing music in colours and seeing colours in music!

Things you'll need: Pencil, A3 drawing paper, paint, paint brushes, paper towels, jar with water.

Step 3: In each square, draw in pencil an outer circle (the same size in each square), then middle and inner airdes.

How do I create art like Kandinsky?



A child's concentric circle painting.

Step 4: Paint your circles! Try to avoid using the same colour twice in any square, Paint from the outside in. Try carefully to stay inside the lines - this will stop you from smudging colours!

> Step 5: Leave your painting to dry. After it has dried, add a second coat to any areas in which you have gone over the lines!

# Key Vocabulary

Kandinsky

Russia

Moscow

Colour

Music

Abstract

Composition

Constructivism

Expressionism

On White II

Composition VII

Farbstudie Ouadrate

Concentric Circles

## Kandinsky Timeline

16th December 1866 Kandinsky is born in Moscow, Russia.

Abstract Art

Construct-

ivism

Expression-

He studies law at Moscow University.

1893-1896 Associate professor at the law faculty. Later quit to paint full time.

1903-1908 He travelled Europe

1909 Co-forms The with his acquaintance New Group of

Makes the argument that creativity lives 'outside of

1913 Creates Composition VII.

1923 Creates On White

1923-1933 Takes an interest in geometric forms in

1934-1944 Lives in Paris, France.

Creates Sky Blue.

13th December 1944 Kandinsky dies in Neuilly-sur-Seine, France.

