

Jackson Pollock **Art in Motion**



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Jackson Pollock was an abstract artist who invented 'Action Painting'.



Number 1A (1948)
by Jackson Pollock

Abstract:

A type of Art that may include colours, patterns, textures, lines and tones...

BUT

There is no (obvious) subject matter
(You can't tell what it is!)

All About Jackson Pollock

(1912 - 1956)
American

Jackson Pollock was born in 1912. He got into a lot of trouble at school and was expelled twice.

Pollock didn't paint on an easel like most painters, he put his canvases on the floor. He said it made him feel closer to the painting.



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Pollock invented 'action painting'. He would drip, pour and splatter paint onto the canvas from above. He loved the energy and movement of the lines created by the paint. These paintings became very famous.

Pollock was often very unhappy and he used his art to express his feelings. This is why many of his paintings use dark, gloomy colours.



How to paint like Jackson Pollock





Autumn Rhythm (Number 30) (1950)
by Jackson Pollock

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How to make a kitchen table Jackson Pollock painting!



You will need:

A tray
A piece of plain paper
Tea, coffee
Teaspoons

Optional:

Turmeric
Food colouring
Soy sauce
Drinking straw
String



This activity is better suited to a garden, balcony or patio as it can get messy!

Place your paper on a tray and use a teaspoon to drip cold tea and coffee from various heights down onto the paper.



If you are using a drinking straw, you can use this to blow across your painting to create more movement lines. Pulling a piece of string or wool along the paper will also create lines.



STOP before the paper gets too full. Put your work aside to dry and make another one if you are still having fun!



If you have paints at home (and an adult who doesn't mind a bit of mess), you can have a go at working on a large scale like Jackson Pollock himself. You could turn a flattened cardboard box or an old bed sheet into a work of art!



At <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes/tate-paint> you can have a go at making a 'virtual' abstract painting!



