

Zara's Abstract Art Explorer

Learning objective: To explore the principles of abstract art by observing shapes, colours, and lines, and to reflect on how artwork communicates feelings.

Follow Zara the Zebra's guide to becoming an abstract artist! Use this template to plan your own masterpiece. First, think about the mood you want to create, then experiment with different patterns and shapes. Finally, explain the choices you made in your artist statement.

Word bank: Geometric · Organic · Symmetry · Contrast · Texture · Vibrant · Expression · Composition · Pattern · Minimalist

1. Mood and Inspiration: What feeling or idea do you want your artwork to express? (e.g., happiness, a stormy day, or a quiet forest) (2 marks)

2. Shape Selection: Describe the shapes you will use. Will they be sharp and geometric or soft and organic? Why? (2 marks)

3. Colour Palette: Which colours will you choose to represent your mood, and how will you create contrast? (2 marks)

4. Technique: What tools or mark-making techniques will you use to create texture? (e.g., thick brushstrokes, splattering, or layering) (2 marks)

5. Artist Statement: Write a title for your piece and explain what you want the viewer to think or feel when they look at it. (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Find a piece of abstract art in a book or online. Write a short paragraph explaining how the artist has used lines and colours differently than they would in a realistic painting.