

Zara's Cubism Workshop

Learning objective: To learn about the style of Cubism and use geometric shapes to create art.

Zara the zebra loves looking at patterns. She wants you to try the style of Cubism, just like the artist Pablo Picasso. Look at the faces below. In Cubism, artists break faces into simple shapes like squares, triangles, and circles. Follow the steps below to make your own portrait.

Word bank: Cubism · Portrait · Shapes · Picasso · Geometric

1. 1. Look at the face of a friend. What shape is their nose? Draw the nose as a triangle here: (1 mark)

2. 2. Pablo Picasso liked to paint eyes in different places. Where will you put your eyes? Draw two different circles for eyes here: (1 mark)

3. 3. Cubism uses bright colours. Choose two colours you will use for your art and write them here: (1 mark)

4. 4. How is a Cubism painting different from a photograph? (Sentence starter: A Cubism painting looks...) (2 marks)

Draw: In the large empty box below, draw a portrait of a friend using only triangles, squares, and circles. Remember to place the eyes and nose in unusual spots, just like Picasso!



Extension challenge: Try to draw your self-portrait using only straight lines. How many different shapes can you find in your drawing?