

Class-Artists in Action  
Grades 6-8  
Lesson-Line Art  
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The purpose of this lesson to teach students about the artist, Wassily Kandinsky and his type of artwork.

#### Materials

- 1 pencil
- 1 black sharpie
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 box of watercolors (optional)
- 1 sheet 9x12 piece of construction paper

#### Introduction

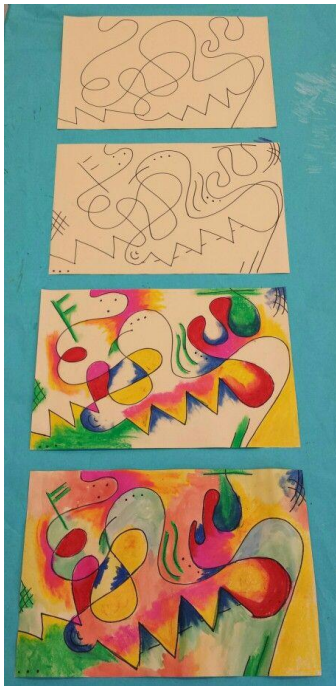
Here are a few facts on Wassily Kandinsky.

1. He was born on December 16, 1866 in Moscow, Russia.
2. He died on December 13, 1944 in Paris, France.
3. His style of art is considered Expressionism or Abstract Art.
4. He enjoyed music as a child.
5. He went to college and became a lawyer.
6. At the age of 30 he decided to become an artist and went back to school.
7. His early art was influenced by Claude Monet and musicians.
8. His early artwork was mainly painters of landscapes.
9. He became one of the founders of Abstract Art.
10. He once said that, "Everything starts with a dot".

I have also included a link with both classical music and some of his artwork. You may enjoy watching a few minutes of this before starting this lesson or have it play in the background while you work.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nZ\\_qkeffY4&list=RD4nZ\\_qkeffY4&start\\_radio=1&t=9](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nZ_qkeffY4&list=RD4nZ_qkeffY4&start_radio=1&t=9)

## Art Examples





*Composition 8*, Kandinsky 1923

### Steps

1. Using a pencil draw the following items on your paper. It will be helpful to space these objects throughout your paper.
2. A circle
3. Three dots
4. One straight line from edge to edge
5. One squiggly line
6. An angle
7. A square
8. A repetitive pattern of any of these shapes.
9. Next using your black sharpie trace over your pencil lines.
10. Then using your colored pencils shade in each area of your paper, using the lines, dots, and shapes as dividers for shading the paper.
11. This piece of art is finished when all areas of the paper have been shaded in.
12. Have fun with this project and remember there are no mistakes in art.

### Extension

You can try this project again, this time after drawing the lines in pencil then sharpie use watercolors to fill in the paper.

### Note

I would love to see your completed artwork. Feel free to send me an email of your art to [kchatigny@forestcharter.com](mailto:kchatigny@forestcharter.com)

Thoughtfully,  
Kaleen