Pointillism

Pointillism is a form of painting with small little dots. Unlike impressionists who used small dabs of points, this painting technique uses small dots to create color and images. One of the most famous painters of this technique is George Seurat. Pointillism does not create by drawing; they will create images and colors with dots only relying on the science of optics to convey the image. When you see a pointillism painting up close, the image is not clear until you move further and further away. You will begin to see the colors and images appear as if they are coming into focus. George Seurat’s most famous painting *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* is over 6 feet tall and 8 feet wide. It is on view in the Art Institute of Chicago.

![A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte by George Seurat](image)

**Materials:**
- Fine tip markers or Water colors and Qtips
- White Paper
- INSPIRATION! IMAGINATION!

**Directions:**
1. Ask yourself, what inspires you today? Hold that image in your mind or write it down.
2. If you need to, draw using a pencil to outline the image.
3. Then, start filling in with dots! You can create depth of color by layering colors. You can also create color blends just as George Seurat did by layering on colors. For example, you want to create a different tone of orange? Use yellow and red WITH orange in various ways to create a unique color.
Modification:

- Once you can do this method, try without creating the outline first. Experiment with using only the primary colors to create an art masterpiece.