

Abstract Circles

Inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas

Artist Info:

Alma Woodsey Thomas was the first African American woman to hold a fine artist degree as well as to have a solo art show at the Whitney museum in New York. Alma's signature style is large abstract painting that are filled with patterns oftentimes circles of bright colors. Her creativity was inspired by both nature and science. She loved to smile and enjoyed painting with bright vibrant colors.

Art Activity

Create your own colorful abstract painting or paper design in a circle pattern. You can do this art project in two different ways depending if you want to use paint or construction paper.

Materials needed (Paint project)

Paper, paint, paintbrush, pencil

Materials needed (paper design)

Paper, pencil, construction paper, scissors and glue

-On your paper, picture your circle design (example pictured below). Each ring of the circle will be a different color. Lightly sketch the outline of the solid circle in the middle and then the circle rings.

-Either start painting with one color in a solid circle in the middle or if using paper then cut out a small circle and glue it to the center of your paper.

- Each additional ring was painted with dashed lines until paper is filled. Each ring of dashed lines is a different color. If using paper, cut your construction paper up into little dash shapes and then glue them to your paper.

