Expressionism

Wassily Kandinsky

Expressionists used art to express their feelings and emotions, with bold use of lines and colors.

Kandinsky thought color could tell a story of its own thorough his art. He was one of the first artists to experiment with abstract works of art. His paintings did not include any recognizable objects.

Go to the next page for instructions to create Kandinsky's circle activity.
Circles in Rectangles

Materials you can use:
- white paper
- pencil
- your choice to use crayons, markers, watercolors, tempera paint, and/or chalk
- paint brushes and water bowls if using paint

Instructions:
Fold the white paper in half the short way then again the long way. Open the page up and you have four (4) rectangles. (Option to fold the long way into thirds giving you six (6) rectangles.)

Using a pencil lightly draw a small circle in the center of each rectangle. Then draw a circle bigger than the first around that and continue drawing circles until you reach the edges of your rectangle.

Now the fun part - adding color! Add a different color to each circle. If one circle is yellow the next circle should be a different color. Add the last color to fill in the rectangle. See Kandinsky’s circles above.

Try this with color construction paper. You will need glue and scissors or you can tear circles with your hands.

Try it with clay!