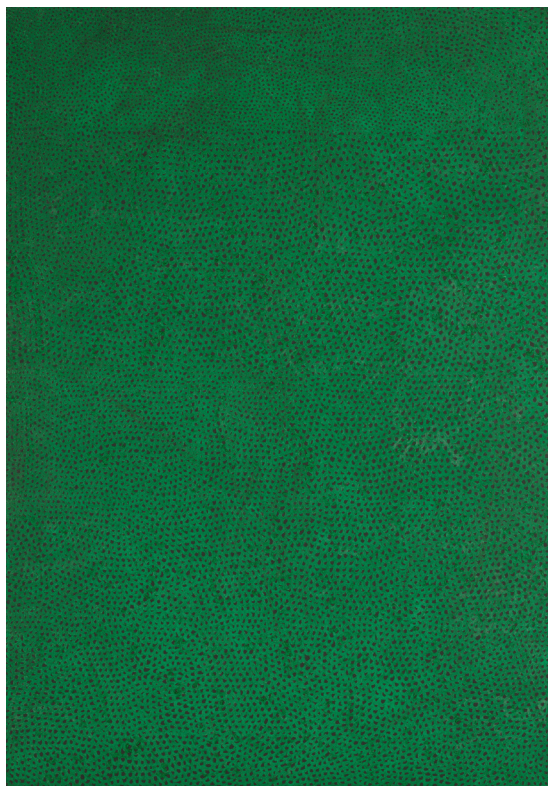


LET'S PAINT A COLORFUL NET!



In Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's painting *Infinity Net*, a semi-circle repeats to make a net-like pattern covering the paint underneath. Kusama loves round shapes, like circles and semi-circles, and feels that they're very powerful. Take a close look at the painting. Does it make you feel calm or excited? Do you focus on one area of the painting or does your eye move all over it?

Today we'll make a net painting inspired by Yayoi Kusama's.

ARTIST INSPIRATION

Hear from the artist about her colorful creations

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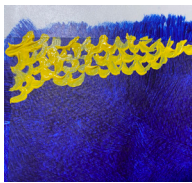
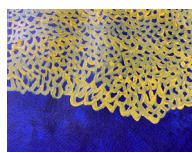
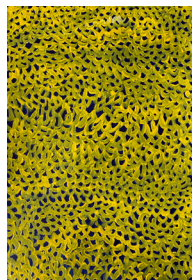


Above: Yayoi Kusama. *No. Green. No. 1.* 1961. The Baltimore Museum of Art: Edith Ferry Hooper Bequest Fund, BMA 1996.11. © Yayoi Kusama

MATERIALS

acrylic or watercolor paint, masking tape, two paintbrushes (one for the background and a smaller one for details), and watercolor paper.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Use masking tape to make a one-inch border along the edges of the paper. Press down on the tape so the paint does not leak under it.
- 2  Choose a background color and completely fill in the space with the larger paintbrush. If you're using watercolor, choose a lighter color; if you're using acrylic, choose a darker one. Let this dry completely before moving to Step 3.
- 3 Choose your second color to paint in your net. If you're using watercolor, choose a darker color now; if you're using acrylic, choose a lighter one now.
- 4  Using the smaller paintbrush, start at a top corner of the paper and paint semi-circles or half-circles that attach to one another, left to right. Continue to the end of the row and then make a new row.
- 5  Keep painting rows. As you go, try making the half-circles a little larger or smaller and see how it changes the look of the painting.
- 6  When your painting is all filled in, let the paint dry and remove the tape. You're all done! Does it look like a net? Or maybe pebbles on a beach? Hang up your masterpiece and ask your family what the repeating shapes remind them of.