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Tissue Paper Bleed



Meet the Artist



- ☀ **Born in 1928 in New York City.**
- ☀ **She is still alive today.**
- ☀ **She had a lot of money growing up.**
- ☀ **Got to study in Mexico.**

Her Inspiration

☼ **She met famous
artist Jackson
Pollack**

☼ **He was her
inspiration**

☼ **Abstract
Impressionism**

☼ **Splatter Art**



Her Painting Style

- ☼ **She invented “soak and stain” method.**
- ☼ **She would pour the paint onto the canvas instead of using a brush and leave the splatter marks and drips to show the process of her work.**



“Smalls Paradise” – About a Jazz bar in Harlem.

Do you feel like you are swimming in the painting?

Do you feel like you are in a jazz club or a garden?



**Can you
see how
the
paint
was
poured
onto the
canvas
and
allowed
to soak
in?**

Vocabulary

☼ Abstract Expressionism

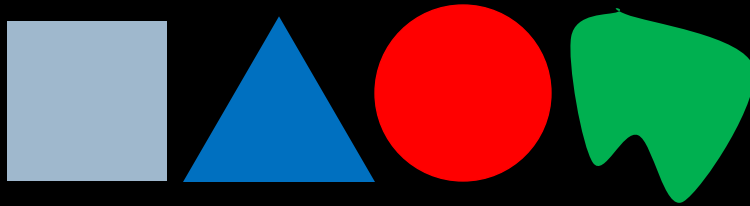
- ☼ **Abstract** means there are no recognizable, natural shapes in the artwork
- ☼ **Expressionism** means that the artist was trying to “express” his or her feelings by the way that they painted.

“A Pink Lady” – What was she trying to express in this painting?



Vocabulary

☼ Shapes



☼ Non Objective

- ☼ **Art that is purely an arrangement of line, color, shape, form or texture and that does not show any recognizable person, place or thing.**



“Seeing the Moon”

What colors do you see?

What shapes do you see?

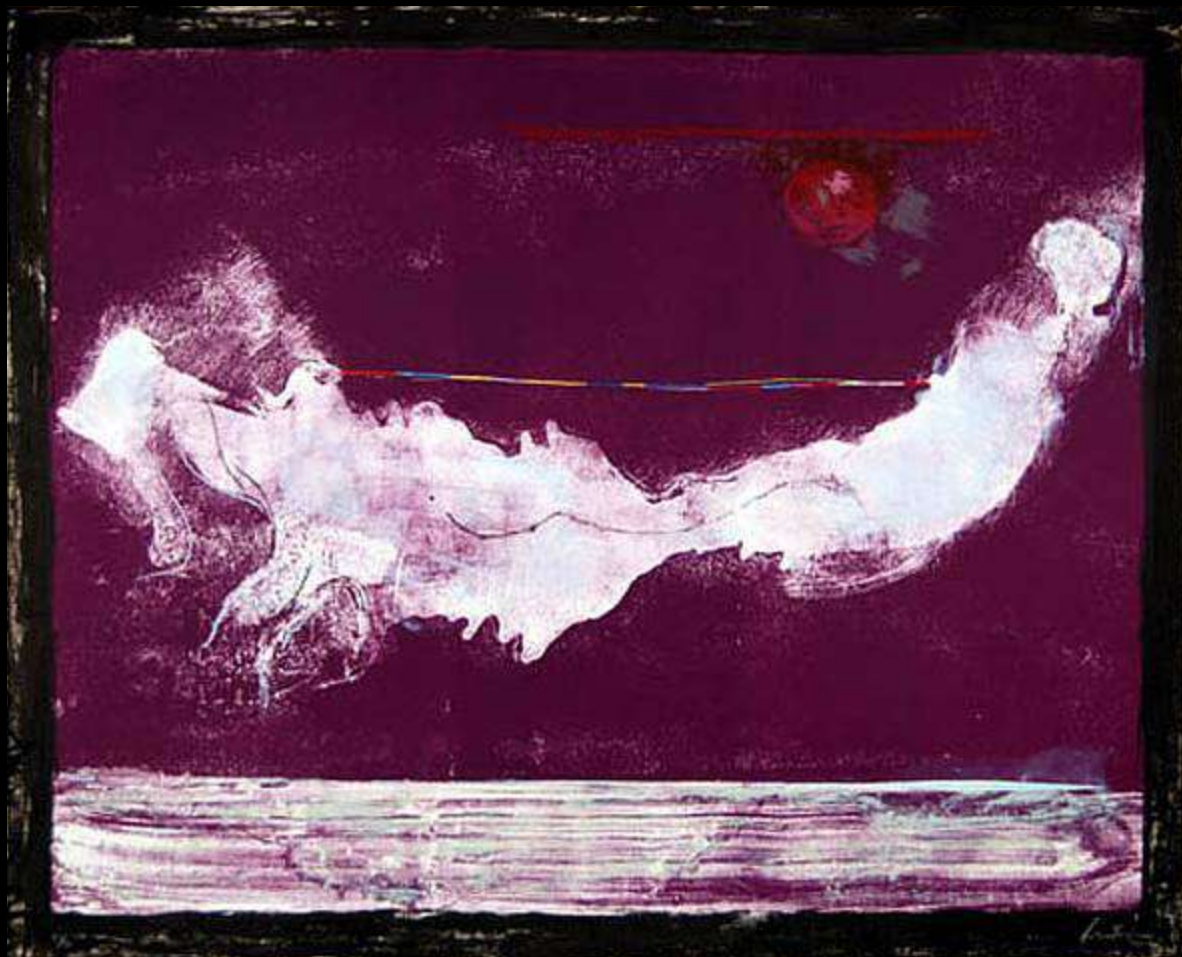
How does this make you feel?

Do you see the moon?

“Mirabelle”

**What is the first
thing you think of
when you look at
this painting?**

**Where did she
pour paint?**





“Blue Atmosphere”

What colors do you see?

Why do you think she called it Blue Atmosphere?



What would you call these paintings?



Look how big her paintings are!!!

Look how big her paintings are!!!



Today's Lesson – Step 1

⚙ **Select an abstract idea or emotion and write it down**

⚙ **Energy**

⚙ **Freedom**

⚙ **Confusion**

⚙ **Happiness or Sadness**

⚙ **Anger**

⚙ **Love**

⚙ **Play**

Today's Lesson – Step 2

- ☀ **Wet your construction paper lightly**
 - ☀ **DON'T USE TOO MUCH WATER**
- ☀ **Lay colors of tissue paper that show the emotion or abstract idea you picked on the construction paper**
 - ☀ **Overlap the tissue paper**
 - ☀ **Arrange them so they represent your abstract idea**
- ☀ **Paint over the tissue paper lightly with water**
- ☀ **Wait a few minutes**
- ☀ **Remove the tissue paper and see how the colors bleed.**

Lesson Example

