Op Art Cube

"Op Art" is a style of art in which artists put colors, lines, and shapes together in a way that creates an optical illusion. Bridget Riley is a famous artist who originated this type of art in the 1960's. Here is an example of one of her paintings:



Bridget Riley "Fall" 1963

It really makes your brain spin, doesn't it?

Your assignment is to learn a variety of Op Art techniques, and use six of them to cover the sides of a paper cube. Look carefully at the examples on the following pages, and do a different technique on each of your six papers. When all six are done, tape them together into a cube so it looks something like this:

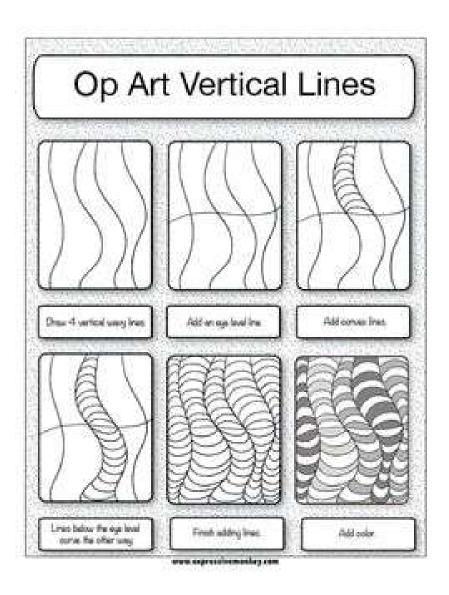


Op Art Options

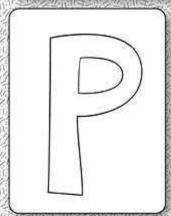


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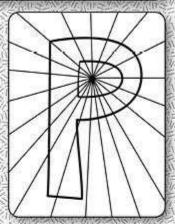
Starburst Letters Using lines, shapes and colors to create Op Art.



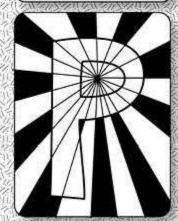
Draw a block letter. Erase any stray pencil marks.



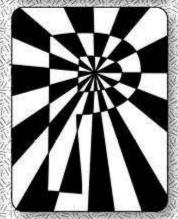
Outline the letter with the first color. Put a dot somewhere on the page.



Draw an even number of lines from the center dot to the edge of the paper.



Color every other shape around the outside of the letter.



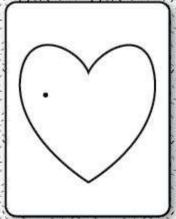
Color inside the letter next, by using the opposite color as the background.



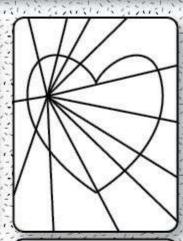
Finish by coloring the white areas with a color that contrasts with the first color.

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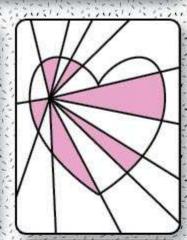
STARBURST HEART



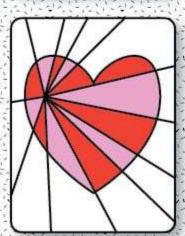
Draw a large heart. Put a dot inside the heart.



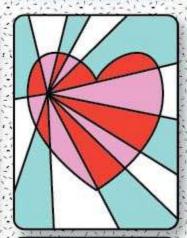
Add 12 lines going from the dot to the edge of the page.



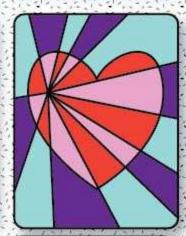
Add a light warm color inside the heart on every other line.



Add a dark warm color inside the heart on the remaining lines.



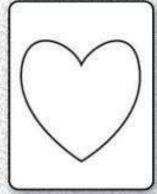
Add a light cool color in the background on every other line.



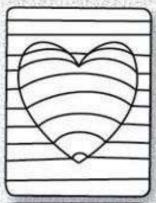
Add a dark cool color in the background on the remaining lines.

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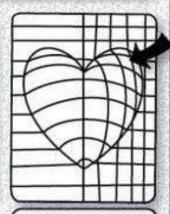
Bulging Heart



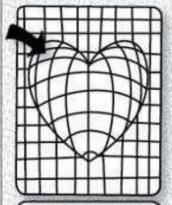
Draw a large heart.



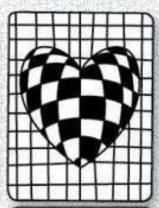
Add horizontal lines that curve up inside the heart.



Add a straight vertical line down the middle of the heart. Curve lines to the right.



Add vertical lines to the left of the middle line. Curve lines to the left in the heart.



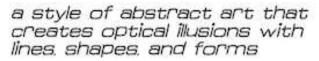
Add black shapes in the heart in a checkered pattern.

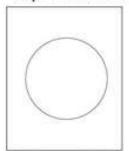


Add black chapes in the background in a checkered pattern opposite of the heart.

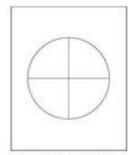
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op art checkered spheres

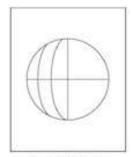




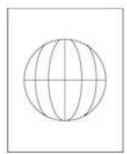
1, DRAW A CIRCLE WITH A COMPASS OR TRACE A CIRCLE



2. DIVIDE THE CIRCLE IN HALF HORIZONTALLY AND VERTICALLY



3. ADD CURVED LINES TO HALF OF THE CIRCLE



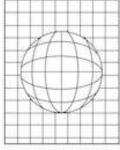
4. ADD MORE CURVED LINES TO THE OTHER HALF OF THE CIRCLE



5. ADD CURVED LINES TOP TO BOTTOM IN THE CIRCLE



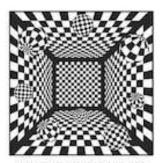
8. ADD EQUALLY SPACED VERTICAL LINES IN THE BACKGROUND



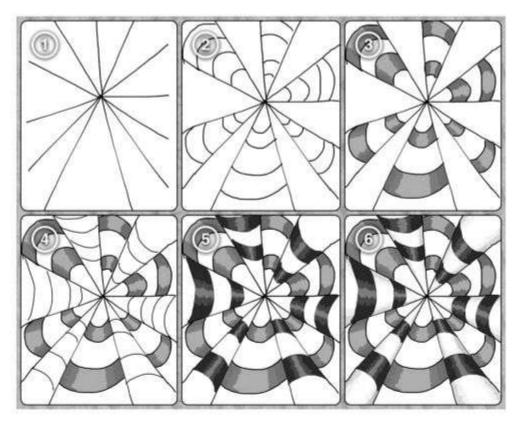
7. ADD EQUALLY SPACED HORIZONTAL LINES IN THE BACKGROUND



8, COLOR EVERY OTHER SQUARE IN WITH A CONTRASTING COLOR



*MAKE IT YOUR OWN! ABD SEVERAL SPHERES OR A MORE COMPLEX BACKGROUND



How to Draw Op Art Cones