

# Lesson 3:

## Art and Music Collage



Vasily Kandinsky, *Three Sounds*, 1926

# Imagining Abstraction

A Multi-Sensory Art Experience with the Guggenheim

## Step 1 Review

We have been exploring Vasily Kandinsky's abstract art, which is full of shapes, lines and colors. We learned about how Kandinsky got inspiration for his art from science, microscopic images and music, since his synesthesia allowed him to make special connections between sounds, colors and shapes.

See Kandinsky's exhibition here: <https://www.guggenheim.org/exhibition/vasily-kandinsky-around-the-circle>

## Step 2 Get ready to create

We will be making our own abstract collages inspired by music.

What is your favorite song, singer/band or style of music? How does this music make you feel? When do you listen to this music? At school, at home? Do you like to dance, or do you prefer to listen?

Teachers, decide how you'd like to set up the project. Students can make their collages on a small scale individually, or on a larger scale in small groups or as a whole class.

You may want to make a list of students' favorite songs and play several during the activity. Or maybe you want to have the class **vote** on a favorite song for collective inspiration.

## Step 3 Art making: Create an abstract collage inspired by music

Materials: White paper, colorful paper, markers, crayons or colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors (optional), any materials you wish to add and a way to play students' favorite music

1. Listen to your favorite song
2. Fill the paper with shapes, lines and colors to create a piece of collage paper
3. Be inspired by the rhythms and beats that you hear!
4. Cut or tear your paper into as many pieces as you wish
5. Cut out extra shapes from colorful paper
6. Cut out as many shapes from as many colors as you want!
7. Select a piece of paper to be the background
8. Play a new song
9. Arrange all of your shapes and pieces together to make a collage
10. Glue the pieces onto the background

**Variations:** Use paint, or pastels and watercolors, instead of drawing materials to make your collage paper

## Step 4 Share and reflect

1. What will you name your artwork?
2. What music inspired you to make it?
3. What was your favorite part of making this artwork?
4. How does it make you feel?

