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Pop-Art After Andy Warhol

2 x 9 pop-art templates after Andy Warhol's soup cans, for solo and group work



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INTRODUCTION

About Andy Warhol

Andy Warhol (1928 – 1987) is one of the most famous pop-art artists. The American, who began his career as a graphic designer in advertising, became famous above all for his unmistakable and colorful use of motifs taken from the world of consumerism such as Coca-Cola bottles or celebrities like Marilyn Monroe.

In the 1950s, pop-art emerged as a move away from abstraction in art. It turned instead to the artificiality of consumerist production as the reflection of an artificial environment and exaggerated its triviality through oversized representations or – in Warhol's case – the repetition of motifs.



The Campbell's soup painting is one of the best known examples of this. It depicts lots of Campbell's soup cans that are shown side by side and stacked one on top of another. At first glance all the cans look identical but actually when you look closer the labels are different. Warhol found inspiration in mass-produced advertisements that often all looked the same and which were constantly being reprinted. The soup cans imitate these adverts but are, however, all painted by hand on individual canvases measuring approximately 20 x 16 inches (50 x 40 cm).

The idea of showing everyday motifs and objects from pop culture in such a simple way sparked a debate in the artworld about the purpose of works like these, and Warhol's own image as an artist also came into question. This lively discussion, which was also debated in public, played a part in the development of pop-art into a trend-setting art movement.

Everyday motifs such as soup cans make Warhol's works easily accessible to children. On top of which, pop-art's bright colors and repetitive motifs make it an ideal starting point for making your own artworks.

These templates for Warhol's soup cans give kids the chance to get acquainted with pop-art's motifs, to experiment with color, and to use their imaginations to create artworks in the style of a great artist

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HOW TO DO IT

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POSTER



The poster template on page 5 can be filled in with colored pencils or fibre-tip pens to create your own, individual poster in the style of Andy Warhol.

COLOR STUDY



You can use the poster and other templates to experiment with color. For inspiration you can search for an Andy Warhol painting and use the same color palette.

GROUP PROJECT

1



Print out the desired motifs on white paper. You can use colored pencils, fibre-tip pens or watercolors to color in the templates, and you can even color in the backgrounds.

2



Arrange the colored pop-art paintings in a grid on a large piece of paper or card and stick them on to make a big collage.

