“Kandinsky Abstract Painting”

**Objective:** Students will produce 1 geometric shape and 3 line types while learning about the work of Kandinsky

**Materials**
- Card-stock 2x4 or 3x4
- White construction paper 7x10
- 9x12 black construction paper
- Sharpie markers and colored permanent markers
- Watercolor paints

**Motivation**
- Show students PowerPoint with slides of Kandinsky’s work. His work is abstract. It is not a picture of something we can recognize. He used lines, shapes and colors to create paintings with a lot of energy.
- Tell them how he created. He was an lawyer, but started painting later in his life. He also incorporated music into his work. He listened to classical music while he painted, and so will the students.

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**Step 1: Make the Template**
Give students the piece of 3x4 card stock. Each student will draw a geometric shape of their choice very large on the card stock. Cut out your shape.

Cut out your shape and trace it 5 times on your white 7x12 paper. You can overlap, go off the paper or not touch at all. Outline your shapes with sharpie marker.

**Step 2: Design**
Using your sharpie marker, make 3 lines on your paper (review line types) anywhere you want, as long as they go across the page.

Using permanent colored markers, color in 3 shapes any color they wish. Leave 2 shapes white, or the outlines of 2 shapes white.

**Step 3: Painting**
Paint the background using watercolor paints. Talk about strong colors like black and brown. These are not allowed because they are too powerful.

Listen to classical music just like Kandinsky did for inspiration. The background colors are the choice of the student.

When dry, frame on a black piece of 9x12 paper

**Tip:** When assessing the artwork, think about the student’s ability to create an abstract composition using accurate shapes and lines.

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