

Take One Picture

Week 1– The Snail by Matisse

Henri Matisse is a French artist known for making colourful works of art. He used a variety of materials in his work, including paint, bronze (for his sculptures), and he also made drawings using charcoal. As Matisse became older, he began to work with brightly coloured paper and would 'paint with scissors' to cut out shapes, animals, leaves, dancers and flowers and then arrange them.

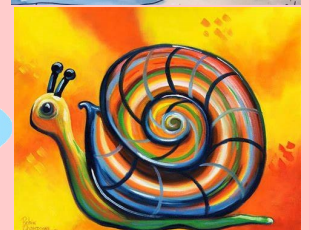
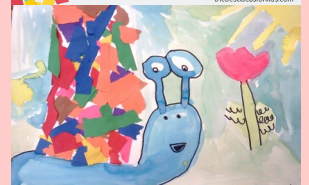
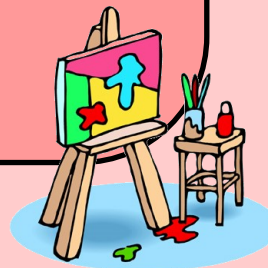


Matisse would listen to music as he worked. To get the creative juices flowing put



Art Ideas for all Children

- Abstract spiral– look at the colours Matisse has used in his picture. On a circle of card or paper, draw a spiral pattern and colour it with pastels or crayons. Cut out shapes from coloured paper and glue down on the spiral background.
- Make a mobile using thin card cut into a round, square or triangular shape and then follow the outline to create spiral. Maybe you could decorate it– shiny paper (tin foil) looks good.
- Torn paper spiral– draw a large spiral and outline with a thick pen. Spread glue on the central part and add coloured paper torn into small pieces.
- Snail rubbings– cut out a small shape from thick card. Place it under some white paper and using the side of a crayon rub it firmly. Move the shape around to form a spiral of rubbings. (KS1 children may find it easier if the shape is fixed to a surface with tape and they move the white paper around.)
- Using a paper plate and some coloured squares make your own snail shell using spirals.
- Paint a snail and use pieces of torn coloured paper to create the shell.



Links to websites

[A short film about Matisse and collage](#)

[What do Matisse's collages mean?](#)

[Ten Facts about Matisse](#)

