

Take One Picture

Week 2— Waterlilies by Claude Monet

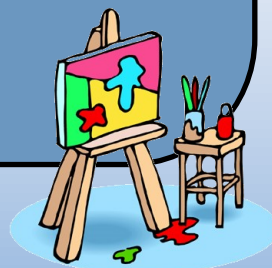
Claude Monet was born on 14th November 1840 in Paris, France. He was named Oscar-Claude, and his parents called him Oscar. When he went to school he used to draw caricatures of his teachers! A caricature is a type of drawing where some facial features are made to look funny so it almost looks like a comic drawing! Monet's father was a grocer and his mother was a singer. His dad wanted him to work with him, but Claude decided against it as he wanted to be an artist instead. Claude Monet was the founder of the impressionist movement. The impressionist movement was all about capturing movement and changing light and colour.

[Find some more facts about Monet here.](#)



Paintings by Claude Monet now sell for tens of millions of pounds. He produced more than 1000 individual paintings during his career.

- Monet loved food and meals were important family times. He loved painting out of doors and also loved eating out of doors. Picnics occur in many of his pictures. Create a picnic at home. Draw or paint a detail of the scene. Try from different angles.
- Make a painters box for Monet. Can you decorate it using his style. You could use scraps of coloured paper and tissue paper, felt tip pens in pastel colours. What would he put into his painting box?
- Make a Monet corner in the garden. Use paper, boxes and other things you can find in the garden. You could make a Japanese bridge from a box. Add water lilies made from paper and leaves found in the garden.
- Waterlily windows— cut out a frame from stiff card and then cut a piece of tissue the same size as the frame. Glue to the edge of the frame. Make waterlilies, flowers, bridges and bushes to glue to your water garden. Glue some to the front and some behind the tissue paper, they will appear under the water. Use pastels or pens to decorate the background.
- Flowers— using green pastels, create the effect of foliage. Keep your paintbrush upright, dab first red paint, then white paint over the background. There will be shades of pink where the colours overlap.



Links to websites

[Introduction to Monet](#)

[Short film about Monet](#)

[Learn to draw waterlilies](#)

