



Visual Art Virtual Learning

Art Explorations - Abstract Art

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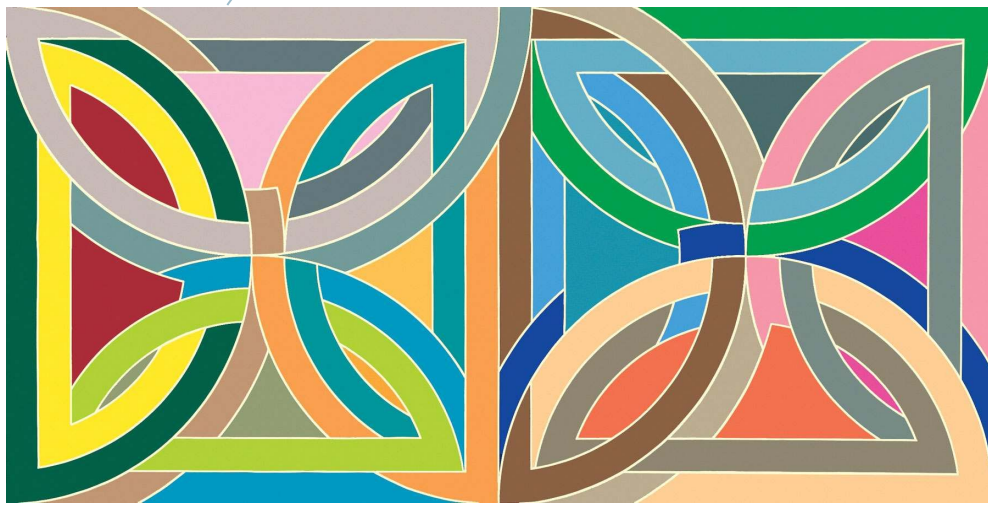
Objective/Learning Target: We will be discussing the artist Frank Stella.

The background features a white space with several colorful circles and dashed lines. In the top left, there is a large teal circle with a white center, a smaller teal circle, and a dashed teal circle. In the top right, there is a large lime green circle, a smaller green circle, and a dashed green circle. In the bottom left, there is a large green circle with a white center, a smaller orange circle, and a dashed yellow circle. In the bottom right, there is a large yellow circle, a smaller orange circle, and a small pink circle. A dashed blue line curves across the page, passing through the center.

Who is Frank Stella?

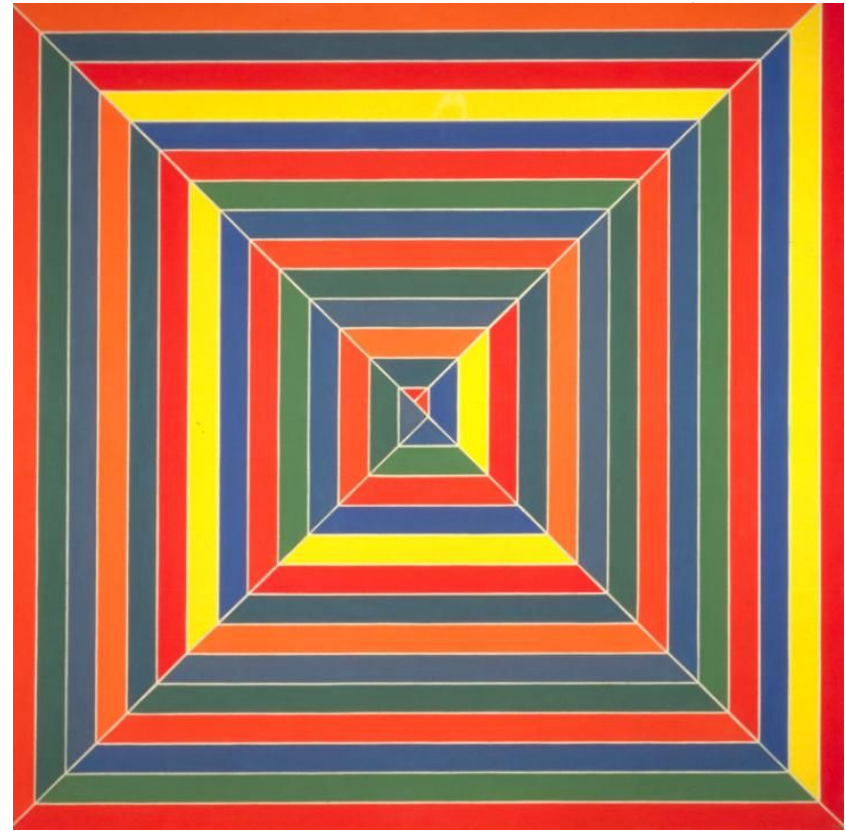


Frank Stella is an American painter best known for his use of geometric patterns and shapes in creating both paintings and sculptures. These flatly painted canvases helped open up the doors to Minimalism. Through the following decades, Stella gained traction in the art world. In 1970 he became the youngest artist ever to be granted a solo exhibition at The Museum of Modern Art. He continues to work in New York, NY and commutes to his studio in Rock Tavern, New York.



Frank Stella is known for his geometric shapes and bold colors. Here are two of his paintings.

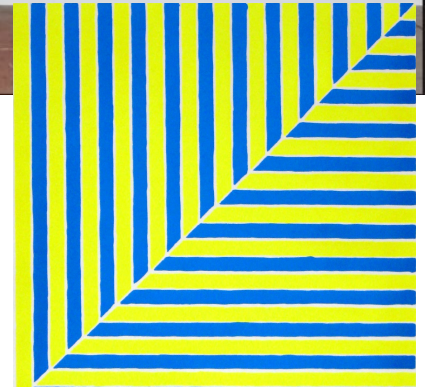
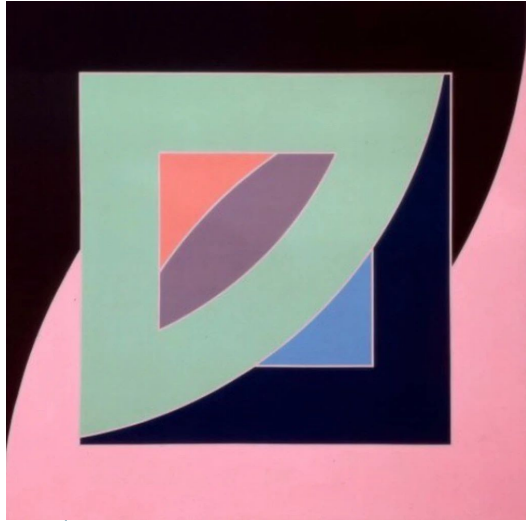
- Notice the straight “box like” shapes on the right. Colors are limited to about 6 colors.
- The one above has some curves which was made from a protractor.



Watch this video where Frank Stella talks about his newer artwork, dealing with sculpture, and his older work which were geometric paintings.



We will be making our geometric design. Here are some more examples of Frank Stella's work.



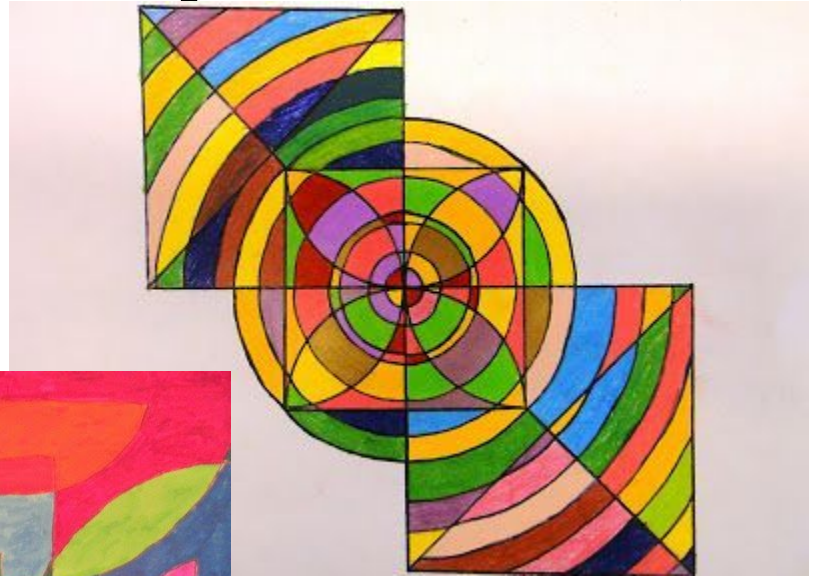
You will need: ruler, compass or protractor or something round like a plate to trace. Pencil, paper and markers.

Steps:

- Make your design using the ruler and round object. There is really no right or wrong to this assignment. Just make the shapes as you like.
- Once you have the design you like you can color it. Choose about 5 or 6 different colors.
- Most of all have fun!



Here are few more examples:



A decorative graphic featuring a large, light blue dashed circle that frames the text. The background is white. Scattered around the circle are various colored circles: teal, light blue, yellow, green, orange, and pink. Some circles are solid, while others are hollow or have dashed outlines. The overall style is modern and artistic.

Tomorrow we will learn more about abstract art.
Please email me a picture of your design!

Please email me if you have any questions.

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