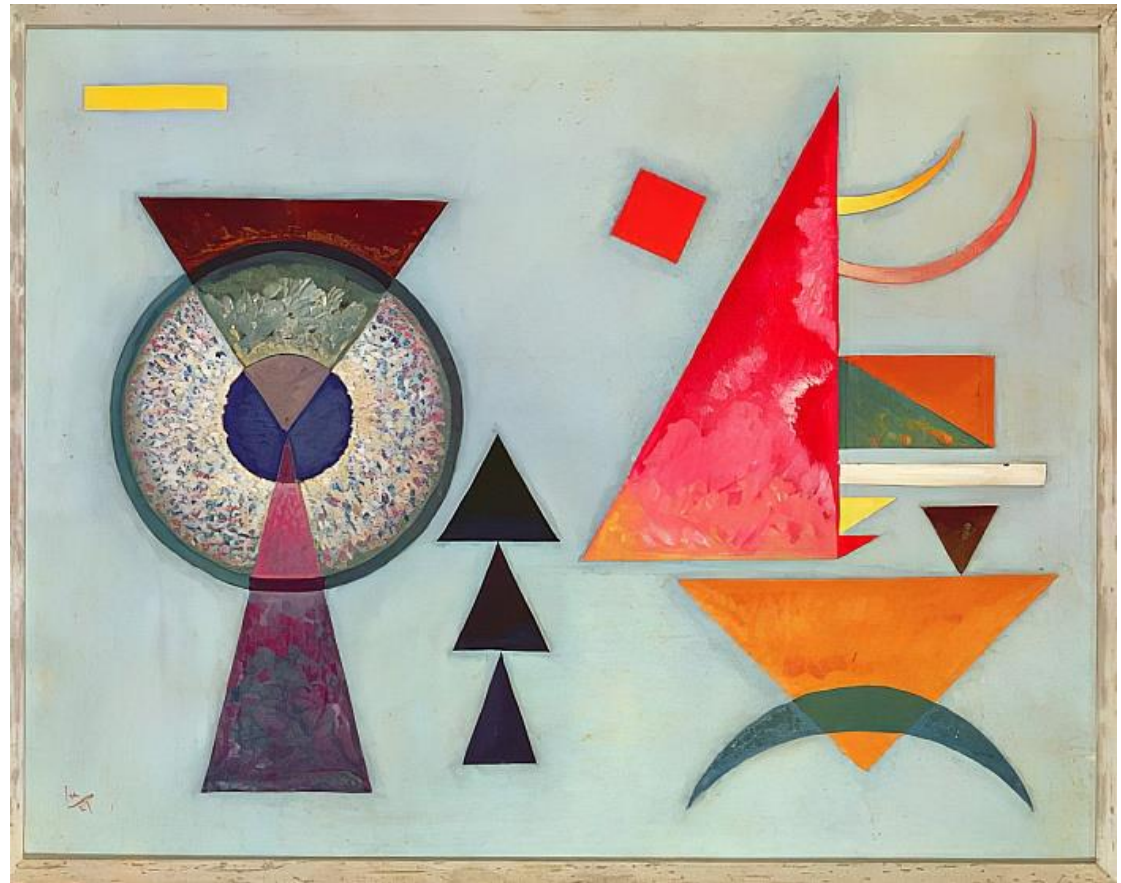


Kandinsky's Shapes - a numeracy art project

Kandinsky was a Russian artist who was born in Moscow in 1866. He grew up by the coast in Odessa and from his childhood he loved colours and music. His early paintings were influenced by Claude Monet - though his later art was a world away, as he became one of the founders of Abstract Art.

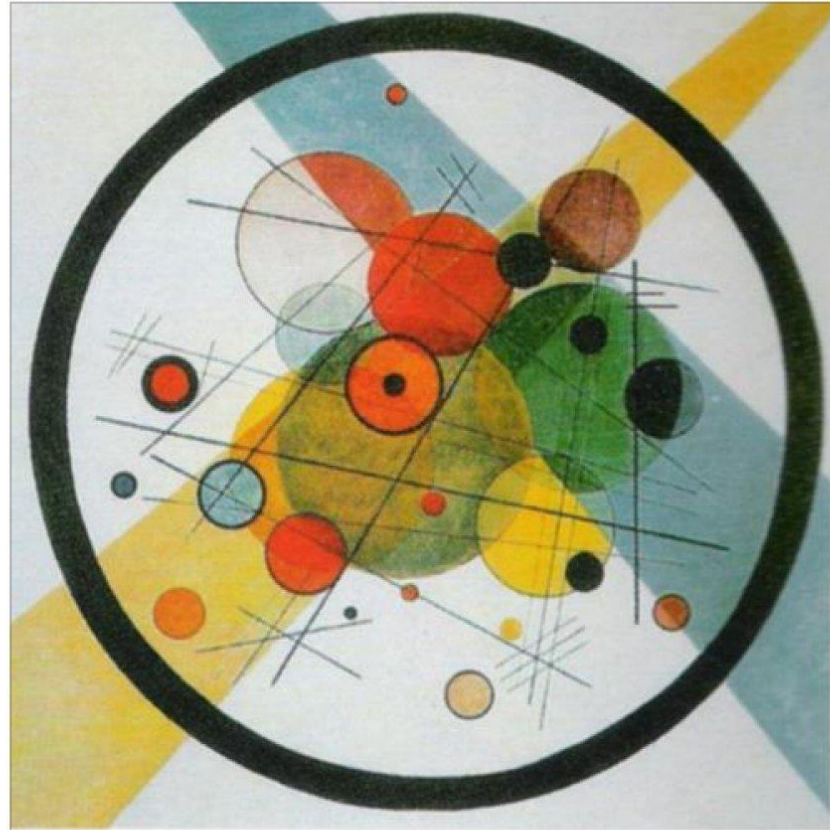
Kandinsky thought that colours and shapes alone could be the subject of paintings, and for him different shapes and colours represented different sounds and emotions - he thought that the colour

yellow had the sound of a brass trumpet! When you are looking at his paintings, which colours sing out at you? What sounds do they think they might make?





Taking Kandinsky and shapes as your inspiration, there are many ways you might go in an art project. These are just a few suggestions:



- * Choosing four shapes, repeat them many times, in different orientations, with some overlapping. For colour, choose either colours that harmonise, or colours that jar with each other for impact. Use a colour wheel for inspiration.
- * Choose just one shape, in varying sizes and colours.
- * Make a collage, using either recycled papers, or maybe wax rubbings of different textured surfaces around the house or garden.
- * Try out the different effects you achieve if you try creating the same image in felt-tips, or watercolours, or collage, or coffee of different strengths!