

Squares with Mondrian

One play idea and two colouring pages. Build a Mondrian out of blocks first, then paint your own.



Who was Piet Mondrian?

Piet Mondrian was born in 1872 in Amersfoort, in the Netherlands. At first he painted trees, windmills and the seaside. Then he made everything simpler: only straight lines, squares, rectangles and three main colours were left: red, yellow and blue.

Play: a Mondrian made of blocks

You'll need: blocks or thick paper strips, masking tape, and red, yellow and blue paper or blocks.

- 1 Look: find one of Mondrian's paintings together. How many squares can you count? Which colours can you see?
- 2 Make the lines: use blocks, strips or masking tape to lay straight lines on a table or the floor. Let them cross to make boxes.
- 3 Add the colours: put red, yellow or blue in a few boxes. Leave most of them empty; the space is part of the painting too.
- 4 Swap: move one colour to a different box. How has the picture changed? Which one do you like better?
- 5 Take a photo, then colour in page 2 and draw your own painting on page 3.

Questions: are there any curved lines? Which box is the biggest? What in your room is a square or a rectangle?

Colour by letter

Colour the R boxes red, the Y boxes yellow and the B boxes blue. Leave the boxes without a letter white.

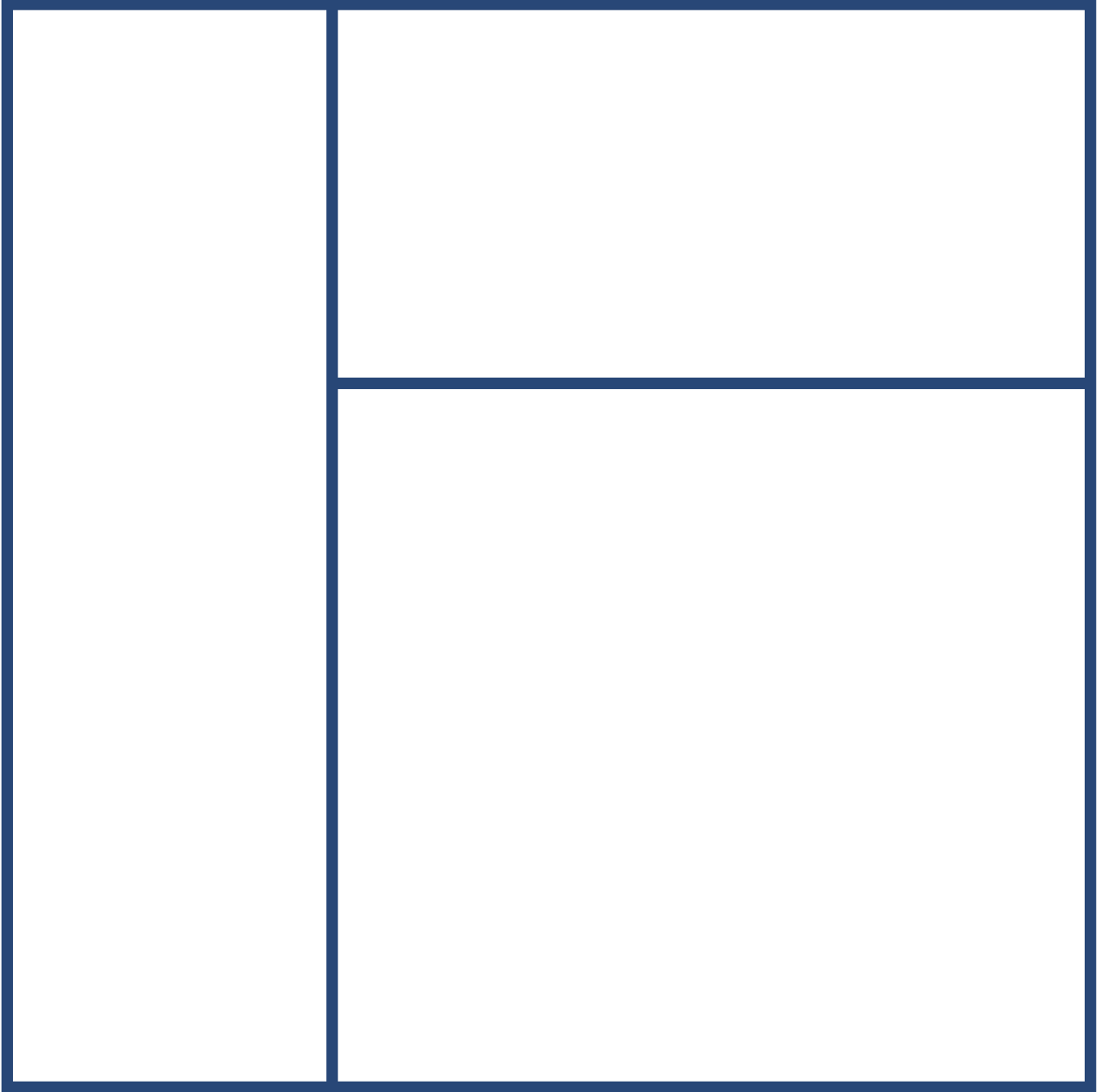
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Your own painting

Draw straight lines with a ruler, then colour in a few boxes. Don't forget to give your painting a name!



My painting is called: _____