

# Make art

with the Art Gallery of New South Wales

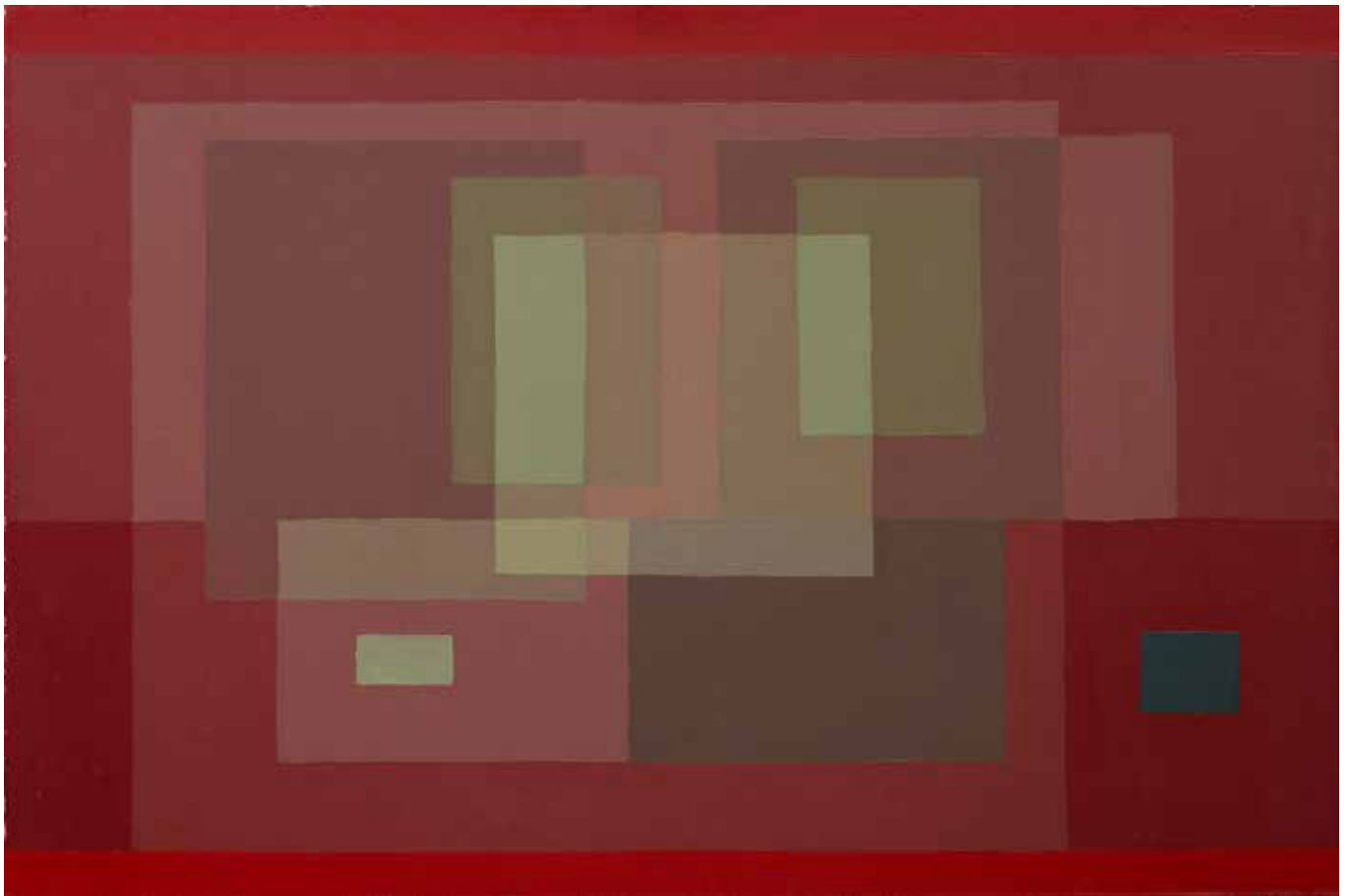


**Do you love to draw, paint and make things?**

**Artists love to create.**

They make drawings, prints, paintings, sculptures and other things for us to look at. Some artists love to experiment with shapes, colours and textures to create abstract patterns.

**Look** at these abstract artworks from the Art Gallery of New South Wales, become an artist and create your own colourful abstraction.



**Abstract collage**

Abstract artworks don't usually depict the world around us. Instead, the artist experiments with shapes and colours to express a mood or to show the different effects colours have when placed together, or simply for the joy of creating patterns.





# Get creative

**Make** your own abstract collage influenced by these artworks.

**Remember**, you are the artist so you can decide on the colours, the shapes and what your artwork will look like.

left:  
Ralph Balson *Abstraction* 1950  
oil on hardboard  
Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased 1965  
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above:  
Ralph Balson *Construction in green* 1942  
oil on paperboard  
Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased with funds provided by an anonymous purchase fund for contemporary Australian art 1970  
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cover:  
Frank Weitzel *Abstract design 1* c1932  
colour linocut on ivory tissue  
Art Gallery of New South Wales, purchased with funds provided by the Australian Prints, Drawings and Watercolours Benefactors Fund 2015  
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## You will need:

- Scissors
- Glue
- Coloured paper shapes
- Tissue paper
- Stickers
- Corrugated card shapes
- Your imagination!



# What to do



**1**

Take some of the shapes and start laying them out in front of you. Decide if you want to cut them up and what colours look good together.



**2**

Start cutting and adding more shapes to your arrangement. Move them around until you like how it looks.



**3**

You could lay tissue paper over your shapes to change the appearance of some of the colours and add a sense of depth.



**4**

You can also experiment with ripping the paper instead of cutting it. Or you can cut through shapes and spread them out or overlap a dark colour with a light colour.



**5**

Add some more cut shapes and pieces of corrugated card to create more texture in your artwork.



**6**

Finish off your design by adding smaller shapes and stickers, then glue everything down when you are happy with your final arrangement. The possibilities are endless!