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we don't have to know what a painting is if we know how it makes us feel a fun  
fascinating survey of abstract art journeys to abstraction offers a behind the scenes  
look at how contemporary artists break free from literal depiction to rejoice in the pure  
expressive power of color line and texture 58 artists share 100 striking abstract  
paintings along with the ideas inspirations and diverse working processes behind them  
covers a wide variety of traditional and non traditional media and techniques including  
watercolor collage acrylics ink and more four step by step demonstrations show how  
abstract pieces come together from start to finish discover how artists paint pour scrape

spray carve stamp collage and otherwise build complex layers of texture and meaning painting with egg cartons turning acrylic paints into shards of stained glass incorporating old failed paintings into fresh finished pieces anything goes in abstract art marked by an inspiring freedom of form and content this is a liberating book for any artist in search of new dynamic forms of self expression

schapiro here repackages two of his notable essays on piet mondrian and abstract painting in on the

the beginner s guide to abstract art is an inspirational but practical book that will help artists to paint in a less figurative way laura reiter demonstrates different ways to approach an abstract painting from just a little bit abstract to completely abstract she does this by focussing on ideas and themes as starting points looking at the creative processes involved and more unusual techniques laura reiter also covers how to use materials creatively watercolour acrylics mixed media and collage and how to experiment with colour and composition there is also details on texture simple printing mark making colour and its meaning and sources of inspiration several projects are included and in addition to laura s vibrant colourful paintings the work of several other contemporary abstract artists is featured previously published in hardback as painting accessible abstracts

would you love to take your art in a new direction in abstract art painting you will enter a realm of tactile intuitive excitement combining pastel and acrylic to achieve results as unique as you are you ll learn how to explore the use of color theory in abstraction and to use underpainting to bring structure and depth to your art in addition you ll begin to understand how to work in a series and how this can help you develop your own personal style a sampling of what you ll add to your creative toolbox pastel and acrylic techniques to use to complete your own paintings the benefits of expressing your ideas abstractly how to loosen up by using your nondominant hand and drawing to music ways to express emotions through mark making using color and symbolism for expression working with photos for inspiration tips for using color studies step into your own abstract frame of mind today

the author explains the dynamics of abstract art from its development over the years through present day 1964 touching on examples of surrealism expressionism and cubism he explains the use of negative and positive space thrust and pull of compositions and understanding the abstract alphabet when tackling your own

canvasses he also touches on collage texture color mixed media and new techniques when painting like using pipe cleaners or cardboard cutouts instead of paintbrushes amazon

abstract painting and abstraction can be a daunting and frustrating genre of art how should you approach a surface how can you use colour effectively how can you make better more expressive paintings this inspiring book answers these questions and many more through a thorough analysis of his own work emyr williams covers practical theoretical and historical issues of abstract art and explains a wide range of working methods to help develop more demanding personal approaches to the making of abstract painting he emphasizes the relationship of colour to surface and the importance of seeking a profound connection with your art

boldly developing the central traditions of american modernist abstraction lawrence carroll s paintings engage with a fundamental issue of aesthetic theory the nature of the medium of painting in highly original frequently extraordinarily successful ways aesthetic theory abstract art and lawrence carroll explains how he understands the medium of painting shows what his art says about the identity of painting as an art discusses the place of his paintings in the development of abstraction and finally offers an interpretation of his art the first monograph devoted to him this philosophical commentary employs the resources of analytic aesthetics art historians trace the development of art explaining how what came earlier yields to what comes later taking for granted that the artifacts they describe are artworks art historians place them within the history of art philosophical art writers define art explain why it has a history and identify its meaning pursuing that goal aesthetic theory abstract art and lawrence carroll roams freely across art history focused at some points on the story of old master painting and sometimes on the history of modernism but looking also to contemporary art in order to provide the fullest possible philosophical perspective on carroll s work

an inspired collection of the best of abstract art abstract art is a visual language a riot of color a profound explosion of texture and shape a quiet collision of forms dynamic works of art can showcase pastel painting showcase watercolor flowers or even build off pen and ink drawings abstract artists are limited only by their imagination and through instinct composition and an inspired color palette they translate emotions ideas or experiences into immersive images you want to explore again and again this book is a stunning volume of more than 100 award winning abstract works showcasing the colorful and expressive nature of contemporary abstract art pieces have been hand

selected from the pastel journal s pastel 100 competitions and the artist s magazine s annual competitions hard bound to provide years of beauty and enjoyment each painting is accompanied by an insightful critique from the artist you may discover oil painting tips watercolor techniques details about creative process artistic inspiration and revelations on why abstraction is an important art form you need passion and dedication to do abstract work and that is really my best advice to aspiring artists you have to let your heart and emotion lead you to where you want to go denise athanas page 11 for me abstract art can teach us about the beauty that lies deep within all our experience often unseen until we change our perspective remove our usual filters and allow our hearts and minds to open to the wonders of life patricia bevan page 15

abstract paintings are discussed here both from the point of view of their creators and from the point of view of the spectator then the kind of question repeatedly asked about abstraction is asked and answered by what standards can an abstract painting be judged does abstraction set out to disregard the public s expectations and wishes if so is it unique in this does the viewer contribute more to an appreciation of an abstract painting than to a more traditional work does any abstract painting have a message if so how does it express it is it necessary to know anything about the artist himself in order to fully appreciate his work does an abstract painting require more or less skill in its execution than a traditional work is there anything more to abstraction than novelty back cover

petra thölken s practical and inspiring book examines what it means to make an abstract work of art she encourages the reader to consider the subjects of composition planes and subject and expression while also examining the more practical topics of colour theory and colour mixing how to work with pigment canvas and priming spatula techniques and working with unconventional backgrounds all these elements build up into a vocabulary of visual pointers from which the reader can begin to explore their own adventurousness and creativity through the 20 beautiful projects that petra demonstrates step by step readers will learn how to create texture work with unusual tools and create soft transitions or high contrast her clarity of thought and inspirational advice will open your eyes to a whole new way of seeing your paintings and achieving the self expression that leads to visually exciting and technically innovative work for some of the projects there are links to petra s popular youtube videos demonstrating how she created the individual paintings

an illuminating exploration of the meaning of abstract art by acclaimed art historian kirk

varnedoe what is abstract art good for what s the use for us as individuals or for any society of pictures of nothing of paintings and sculptures or prints or drawings that do not seem to show anything except themselves in this invigorating account of abstract art since jackson pollock eminent art historian kirk varnedoe the former chief curator of painting and sculpture at the museum of modern art asks these and other questions as he frankly confronts the uncertainties we may have about the nonrepresentational art produced in the past five decades he makes a compelling argument for its history and value much as e h gombrich tackled representation fifty years ago in art and illusion another landmark a w mellon lectures volume realizing that these lectures might be his final work varnedoe conceived of them as a statement of his faith in modern art and as the culminating example of his lucidly pragmatic and philosophical approach to art history he delivered the lectures edited and reproduced here with their illustrations to overflowing crowds at the national gallery of art in washington in the spring of 2003 just months before his death with brilliance passion and humor varnedoe addresses the skeptical attitudes and misunderstandings that we often bring to our experience of abstract art resisting grand generalizations he makes a deliberate and scholarly case for abstraction showing us that more than just pure looking is necessary to understand the self made symbolic language of abstract art proceeding decade by decade he brings alive the history and biography that inform the art while also challenging the received wisdom about distinctions between abstraction and representation modernism and postmodernism and minimalism and pop the result is a fascinating and ultimately moving tour through a half century of abstract art concluding with an unforgettable description of one of varnedoe s favorite works please note all images in this ebook are presented in black and white and have been reduced in size

the seventeen essays in this provocative book provide a radical rethinking of abstraction from the symbolism that prefigured abstract art through the current manifestations of spiritual content in american and european painting

clear challenging and inspiring this book contains instructions for 65 abstract paintings that you can get to work on straightaway with no previous experience all the basic information relating to picture elements composition theme and design is provided at the start of the book together with an exploration of the meaning of abstract painting and its importance as a means of self expression and creativity rather than providing step by step instructions each of the exercises consists of information on method materials technique composition imagery and structure which will direct you to the

finished piece while at the same time allowing your creativity to flow

an exceptionally clear thorough and well illustrated introduction to abstract art since 1900 since the early years of the twentieth century western abstract art has fascinated outraged and bewildered audiences its path to acceptance within the artistic mainstream was slow this revised edition traces the origins and evolution of abstract art placing it in broad cultural context well respected scholar anna moszynska examines the pioneering work of hilma af klint wassily kandinsky kazimir malevich and piet mondrian alongside the russian constructivists the de stijl group and the bauhaus artists contrasting european geometric abstraction in the 1930s and 40s with the emphasis on personal expression after world war ii op kinetic and minimal art of the postwar period is discussed and illustrated in detail and new chapters bring the account up to date exploring the crisis in abstraction of the 1980s and its revival in paint fabric sculpture and installation in recent decades the first edition of abstract art published in 1990 was acclaimed by reviewers revised with extensive updates this book includes new chapters on recent trends and offers fully global coverage of art produced in north and south america europe china korea and the middle east now in full color and comprehensively revised it will serve as the best introduction to abstract art for a new generation

in the tradition of the distinguished douglas mcintyre art program this lavishly illustrated and superbly printed book is a rich readable history of abstract painting in canada the story begins in the 1920s with the sometimes eccentric but remarkable work rooted in symbolism and theosophy of pioneers such as kathleen munn bertram brooker and lawren harris two decades later the automatistes canada s first truly independent avant garde art movement burst onto the scene in montreal after the second world war the urge to abstraction spread across canada manifesting itself in significant regional movements vancouver painters retained a british flavour while in toronto the painters eleven looked south to new york montreal s plasticiens launched their own razor edged interpretation of the european tradition of geometric abstraction in the sixties and seventies the prairies were influenced by clement greenberg s post painterly abstraction while halifax became a hub of conceptual art and concrete painting the book continues through the eighties and nineties during which critics largely denounced painting and concludes in the twenty first century with abstract painting alive and well again in the studios of canada s young artists a monumental tome containing 200 color reproductions it mines a rich vein of art history ripe for international discovery

painting and understanding abstract art is a practical book on how to paint abstracts

but it also explains how to approach and understand abstract art it moves the teaching of art from a doing level of painting a certain subject in a particular medium to a thinking level of what am i doing when i paint and what am i trying to say in this painting using practical exercises with explanatory text john lowry develops the thinking and doing processes together and leads the reader to a greater understanding and appreciation of this most exciting art genre gives advice on moving from figurative painting towards abstraction and explains the tools to abstraction simplifying and exaggerating eliminating curves and straights changing colours lines and items emphasising positive and negative shapes and using contrast includes practical exercises to help develop your own style and understand the techniques of the masters and offers an overview of the lives and times of artists involved in the stage by stage evolution from realism to abstraction aimed at beginners and the more experienced and illustrated with 229 colour illustrations

originally published in 1936 in this classic account of the development of abstract art alfred barr analyses the many diverse abstract movements which emerged with bewildering rapidity in the early years of the twentieth century and which had an impact on every major form of art barr traces the history of nonrepresentational art from its antecedents in late nineteenth century painting in france seurat and neo impressionism gauguin and synthetism and c@zanne through abstract tendencies in dada and surrealism he distinguishes two main trends in abstract art the geometrical structural current as it developed in cubism and later in constructivism and mondrian and the intuitional decorative current running from matisse and fauvism through kandinskt and later surrealism he shows how individual movements influenced one another and how many artists experimented with more than one style barr also discusses the involvement of a number of abstract movements in architecture and the practical arts the bauhaus in germany de stijl in holland purism in france and suprematism and constructivism in russia

traditional art is based on conventions of resemblance between the work and that which it is a representation of abstract art in contrast either adopts alternative modes of visual representation or reconfigures mimetic convention this book explores the relation of abstract art to nature taking nature in the broadest sense the world of recognisable objects creatures organisms processes and states of affairs abstract art takes many different forms but there are shared key structural features centered on two basic relations to nature the first abstracts from nature to give selected aspects of it a new

and extremely unfamiliar appearance the second affirms a natural creativity that issues in new autonomous forms that are not constrained by mimetic conventions such creativity is often attributed to the power of the unconscious the book covers three categories classical modernism mondrian malevich kandinsky arp early american abstraction post war abstraction pollock still newman smithson noguchi arte povera michaux postmodern developments and the broader historical and philosophical scope

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