

# Art Historian Fashion Statement

A piece of fabric can be adapted to the fashion of any person in any time period. Use this lesson plan to teach students about the history of art and make a fashionable statement. This garment can be used as a scarf, bandana, shawl, sarong — the possibilities are endless!



## OBJECTIVES

*Students will...*

- Gain appreciation of a famous artist of their choice
- Design an imitation sketch of an artwork by a famous artist
- Learn how to create dynamic representation of the artwork using diluted acrylic paint
- Use fabric paint to embellish final touches



# Art Historian Fashion Statement Preparation and procedure

With background knowledge of art history or art history lessons learned in class, students will select a famous artist. Students will research examples of their chosen artist's collection and then select an artwork.

## STEP 1

Sketch preliminary thumbnails into an art journal or sketchbook.

## STEP 2

Stretch fabric over masonite drawing board or cardboard.

## STEP 3

Leave approximately a one inch border on two opposite sides.

## STEP 4

Secure the fabric to the board with masking tape. Start with the center of the edges and work your way to the corners. This will help keep the fabric straight and taught.

## STEP 5

Sketch the chosen artwork onto the fabric with a pencil.

## STEP 6

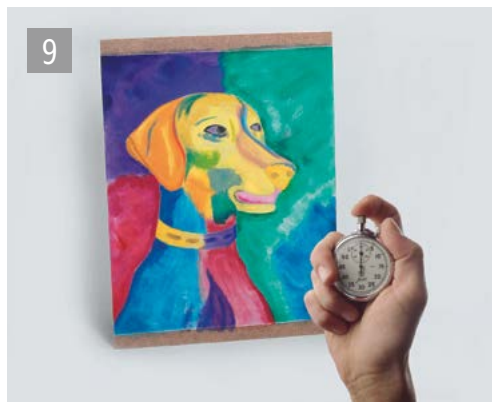
Dilute acrylic paint with water.

## STEP 7

Paint from the background to the foreground, starting with the larger areas.







## STEP 8

When the acrylic paint is dry, apply any final touches.

## STEP 9

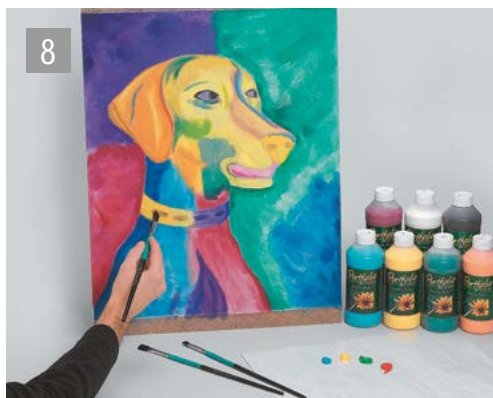
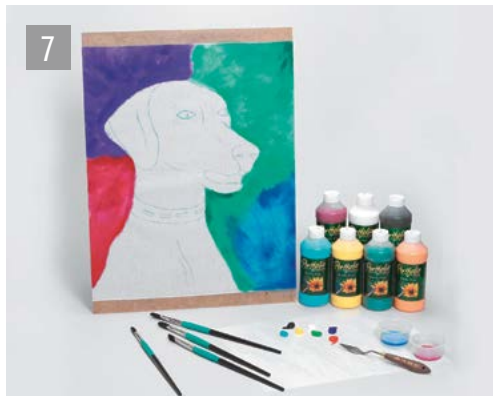
Allow two hours to dry.

## STEP 10

Finish with a gloss medium varnish.

## STEP 11

Write the name of the famous artist who was the inspiration and sign artwork.



## TIPS

- Use proper art clothes to prevent damaged clothing
- Proper planning and preliminary sketching prevents art students from getting frustrated
- Use painting easels to provide stability when painting
- Use waxed paper as a disposable painting palette for easy clean up
- Leave an unpainted border for proper tying of garment

## FOLLOW-UP IDEAS

- Friendly Plastic® and pin back kits make original brooches for creating fashionable shawls
- Fold the fabric and embellish a napkin holder with similar painting techniques to brighten a dinner party with art history
- Advocate art history by making a banner with the fabric, using a dowel and string





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## MATERIALS LIST

- Design® Ebony Black Drawing Pencil — 9701055
- Bandana, Pkg. of 12 — 9724429
- Portfolio® Series Acrylic Colors, Pint Bottles — 9714725(A) Ivory Black
  - 9714725(B) Brilliant Blue
  - 9714725(C) Brilliant Blue Purple
  - 9714725(D) Phthalo Blue
  - 9714725(E) Burnt Umber
  - 9714725(G) Light Green
  - 9714725(H) Phthalo Green
  - 9714725(J) Deep Magenta
  - 9714725(L) Brilliant Orange
  - 9714725(N) Deep Red
  - 9714725(P) Light Red
  - 9714725(Q) Violet
  - 9714725(R) Titanium White
  - 9714725(T) Brilliant Yellow
  - 9714725(W) Burnt Sienna
- Set of 6 Portfolio® Acrylic Colors — 9716635
- Crayola® 10-Color Bright Fabric Marker Set — 9722288

## OTHER MATERIALS

- Masonite Drawing Board or Cardboard
- Masking Tape
- Paint Brushes
- Water Dishes
- Waxed Paper
- Palette Knife
- Gloss Medium Varnish

## SUBSTITUTIONS

- Hats: baseball hat, straw hat, bucket hat, hard hat, visor, or sombrero
- Flour sacks
- Muslin
- Silk
- Cotton
- Fabric markers instead of acrylic paints



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