

Artist of the Month

October 2022

Yayoi Kusama



Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese contemporary artist. She was born in Japan but later moved to America.

Yayoi Kasuma was born in 1929... she is 93 years old!

From an early age, Yayoi was interested in art. She particularly enjoyed exploring polka dots, nature and writing poetry.

Yayoi's family didn't want her to become an artist. Her mother would take away her drawings and try to stop her from doing any more. This was because Yayoi's family expected her to get married and have children, instead of getting a job.

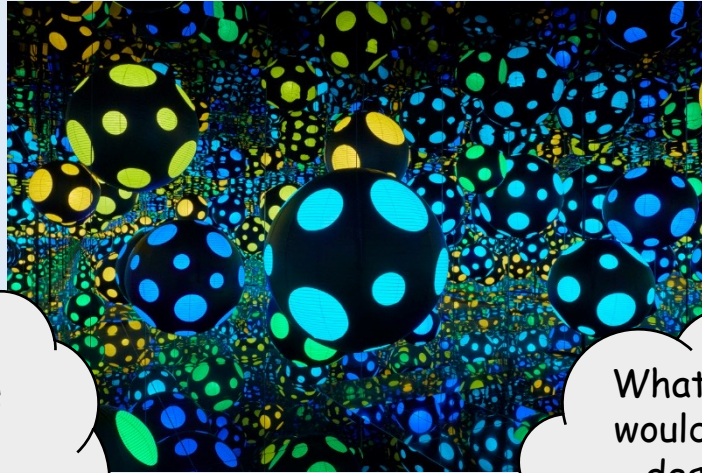
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Kasuma's artwork

What do you like
about the art?
What don't you
like?

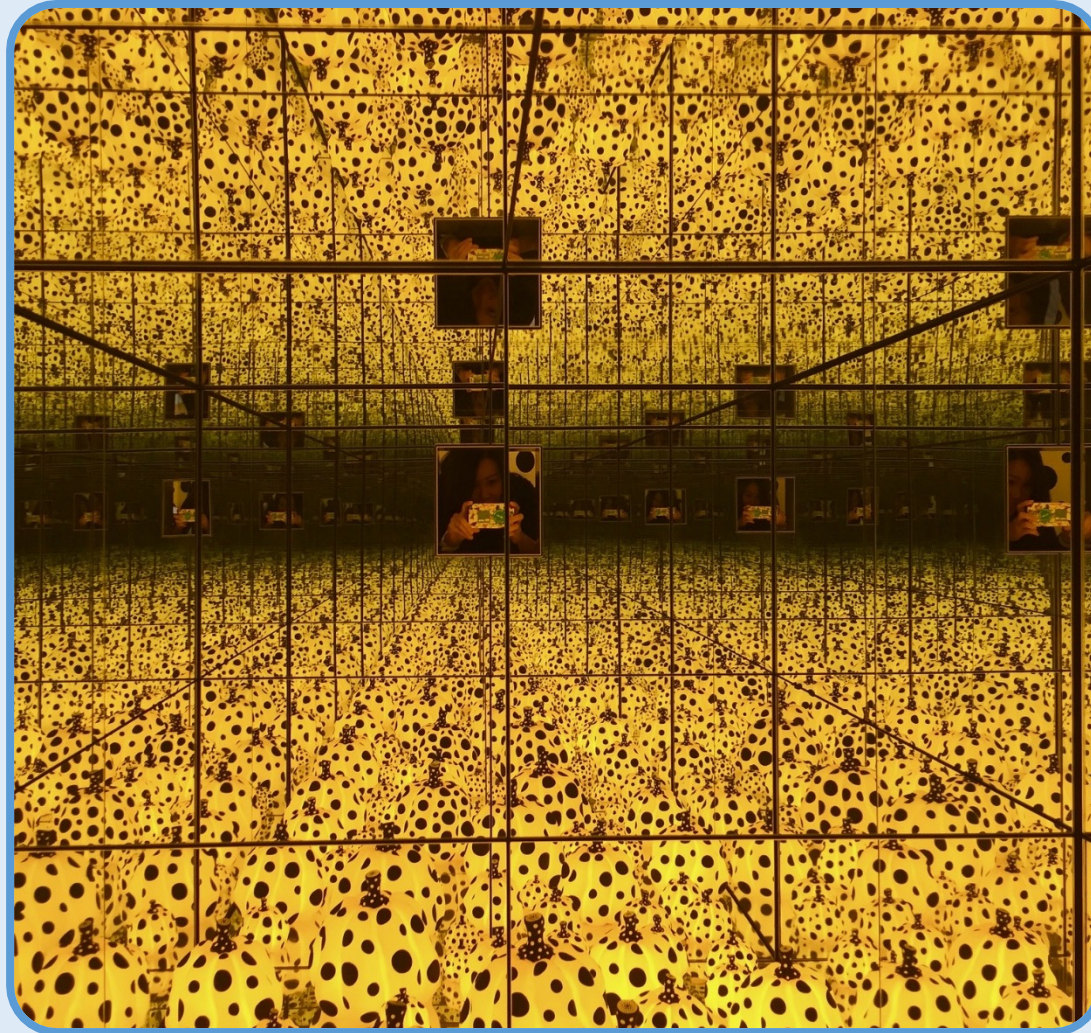
What similarities
can you identify
between the
pieces of
artwork?

What adjectives
would you use to
describe the
pieces of
artwork?



Kasuma's infinity rooms

Yayoi has created many pieces of art which she calls 'infinity rooms'. These are rooms where the walls are lined with mirrors. She places sculptures at different heights within the rooms. People can then enter the room and stand on small platforms. The mirrors give the impression that the room never ends and the art keeps going.



Task:

Your task is to recreate a pumpkin themed piece of Artwork originally created by Yayoi Kasuma

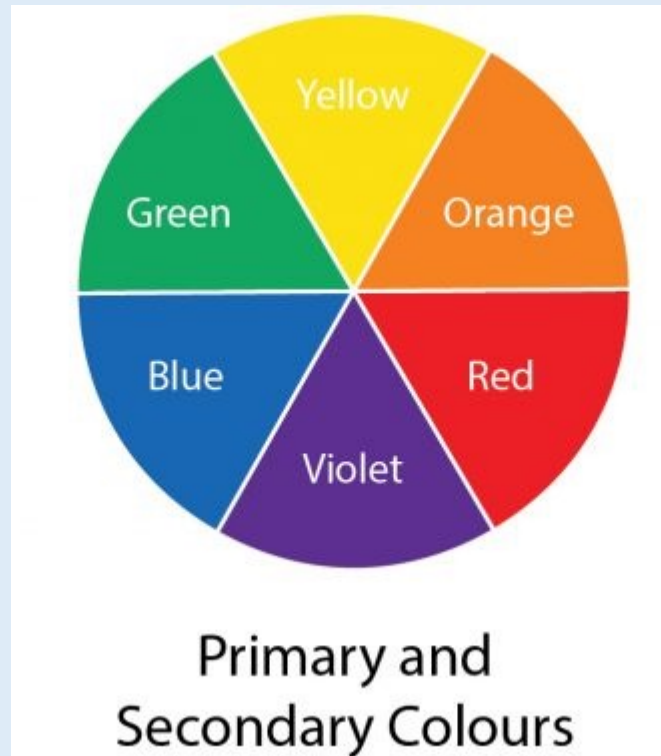
When she was growing up, Yayoi's family grew pumpkins at their plant nursery. As a child, she drew pumpkins and continued this when she was an adult.



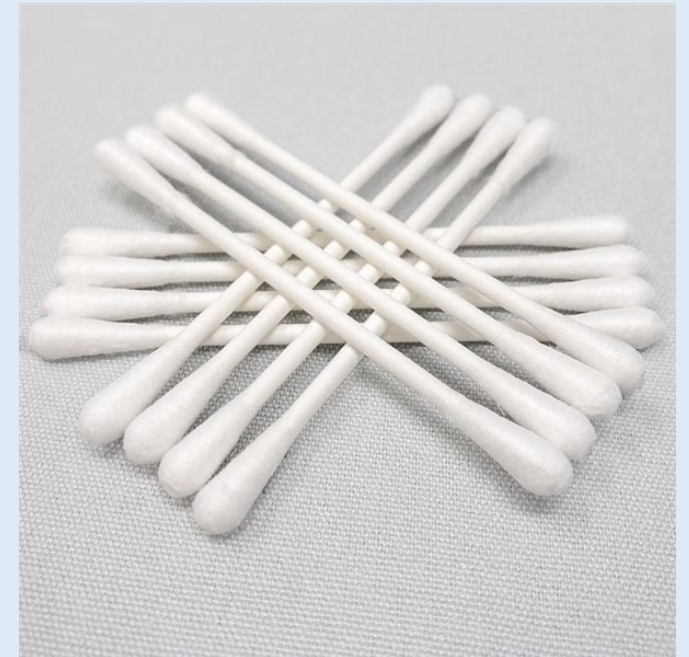
Yayoi has made pumpkin art on paper, as sculptures and also as infinity nets.

L.I. To print with a variety of materials.

Print using a sponge to cover your pumpkin... it can be whatever colour you like!



Use a cotton bud to print the tiny polka dots on your pumpkin in black.



A story about Yayoi Kasuma...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pbthcaz0oUk>