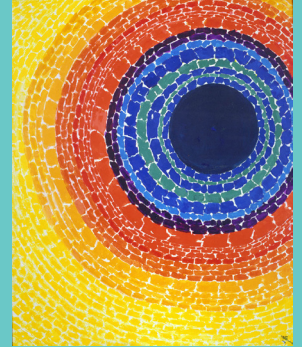


Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist who creates art using polka dots. After attending art school in Japan, she moved to New York, where she became friends and made art with important artists such as Andy Warhol and Donald Judd. Yayoi Kusama has had exhibits all over the world and continues to make polka dotted paintings, sculptures, and installations.



Alma Woodsey Thomas was born in Columbus, Georgia. She debuted her abstract work in an exhibition at Howard University in 1966, at the age of 75. Alma Woodsey Thomas was the first African American woman to have a solo exhibition at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, and she exhibited her paintings at the White House three times.



STEP 1:

Gather your materials: construction paper, scissors, glue, q-tips, and paint.



STEP 2:

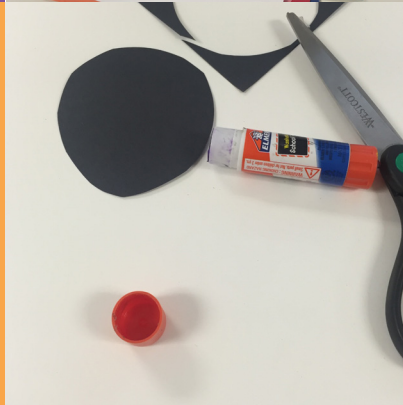
Cut colorful sheets of construction paper into long 1/2 "strips.

Tear your strips of colorful paper into small 1" pieces.



STEP 3:

Cut out a 3" circle from a black sheet of paper and glue it onto a blank white sheet.



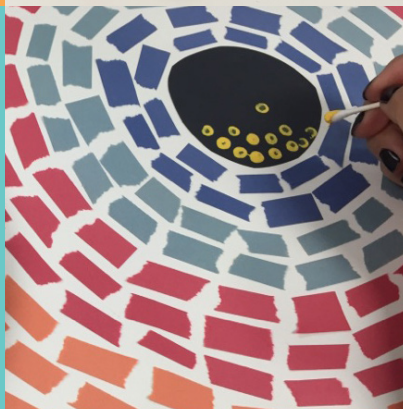
STEP 4:

Glue your strips of paper around your black circle in a circular pattern.



STEP 5:

Dip your q-tip into paint and start creating polka dots around your collage.



STEP 6:

Create various patterned dots, using different colors and shapes!

