

## Learning Mat



Our focus is...

# Jackson Pollock



Please use the information below to support your child's learning at home 😊

## Research

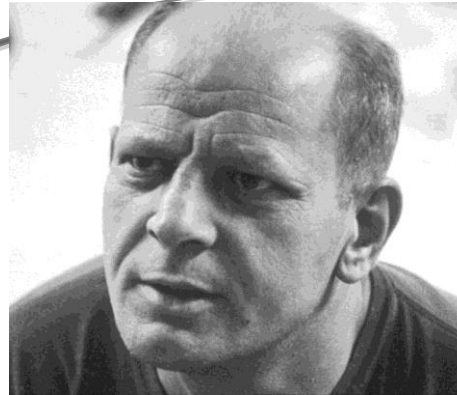
**Who:** Jackson Pollock

**When:** 1912 - 1956

**Where:** America

**What:** An abstract expressionist artist working with paint; in his final year a sculptor using wire, gauze and clay.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-jackson-pollock>



## Explore style

Jackson Pollock often preferred to create artwork on a large scale on the floor, so that he could work on every side of the piece. As an 'action artist', he used his whole body to make his artwork into a performance by forcefully applying the paint with a variety of equipment.

## Create

This could be very messy, but great fun. You can create your masterpiece inside or outside. Although it is probably easier using the latter space. Spread a sheet of plastic or newspaper on the ground, placing your paper or card on top. Alternatively, you could use a large cardboard box and put your paper on the base of the box.

Thin paint if necessary.

Try to use the techniques that Jackson Pollock used.

If you don't want to get your hands dirty, hold string or wool with a peg.

**Don't let equipment touch the paper when using focus techniques.**

Enjoy using the paints and equipment. Remember there is no right or wrong way to do this.



## Investigate techniques

**Position of paper:** on the floor.

**Paint thickness:** needs to be thin to drip or splat easily.

**Movements:** drip, drop, pour, splat, splatter, splash, flick (with brush or using fingers or lolly stick to pull bristles back), swirl, twist, drag ...

**Equipment:** range of brushes, sticks, spoon, pipettes, paint bellows, palette knives (lolly stick, basting tool, wool or string, nuts, bolts ...)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSYo-98fO1Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Z2bAcM8VXY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FeLR0ovzyqA>

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