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The Art of Jessica Park



Use this kit to learn about Jessica Park, her story, and her artwork.

Inside you'll find prompts, projects, and more to help you create your own art!

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Who is Jessica Park?

- Jessica Park is a self-taught artist with autism.
- Jessica was born in 1958.
- She lives and works in Massachusetts.
- Her work is often focused on architecture: buildings, bridges, skylines, houses and more.
- Jessica's artwork has been featured in many different museums and galleries in the United States.



Above is a picture of Jessica working on her artwork, using an overhead light to focus on the colors she is using.

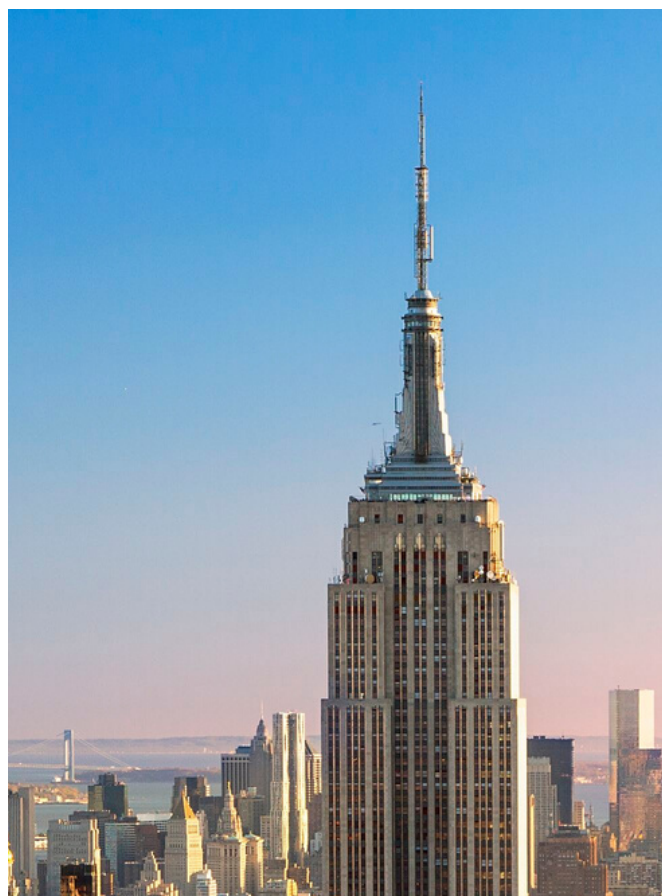




Compare and Contrast:

On the left is a painting by Jessica Park of the Empire State Building, a building in New York City.

On the right is a photograph of that same building.



Your Turn:

What do you notice is similar about the painting and the photograph?

What do you notice is different about the painting and the photograph?





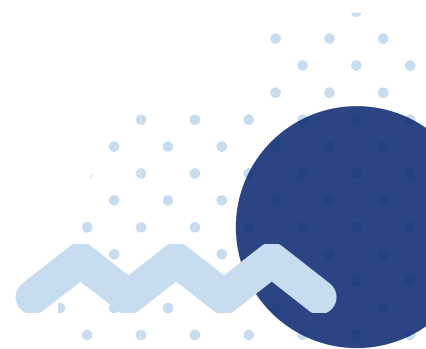
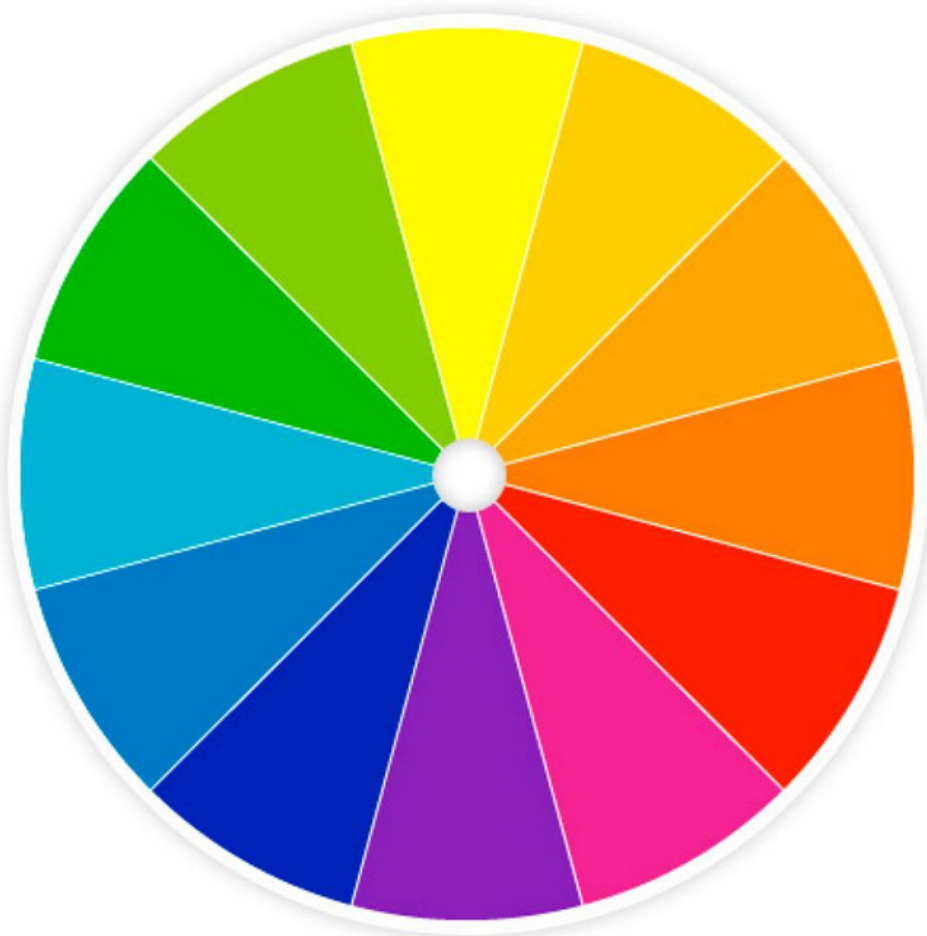
Focus on Color!

You may have noticed how colorful Jessica Parks' version of the Empire State Building is! Jessica is known for using a wide color palette - drawing from the whole rainbow.

Early in life, she learned about color by naming colors as she saw them, like "Peacock-Green" and "Purple-Black".

Your Turn:

Practice naming colors using the color wheel below. Try and see if you can name each color in your own unique way!



Create Art like Jessica Park!



*The House on 53 Cole Avenue, March 5, 2002,
by Jessica Park. Janice Adkins Collection.*

Jessica Park's artwork focuses on buildings. The first step to creating artwork like her is to pick a building. You could pick:

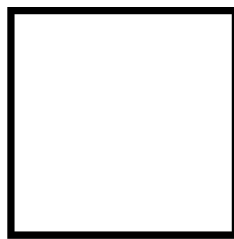
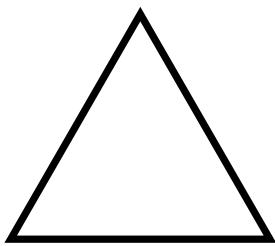
- Your own house or apartment
- A house you can see out your window
- A store that is across the street
- A building that you remember
- A famous building that you can find a picture of



Step 1: Sketch your building

Tools: Paper & Pencil

Start by thinking about the shapes that make up the building:



Where do you see these shapes used in Jessica Parks' artwork?
Can you use these shapes in your own artwork?





Sketching Space



What building did you choose to sketch?

Why did you pick this building?

What shapes did you use to draw it?



Add Color to Your Sketch

After she sketches out her buildings, Jessica Park starts to add bright, rainbow color to her artwork!

Jessica often uses paint, but you can use anything you have at home!

Tools you can use to add color:

- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Paint (Acrylic or Tempera)
- Watercolor Paint
- Different color pens



Tips for adding color to your building:

- Put different colors combinations next to each other
- Try to use every color you have
- Don't worry about matching your colors to the real colors of the building. Jessica uses rainbow colors no matter what the actual colors of the building are!

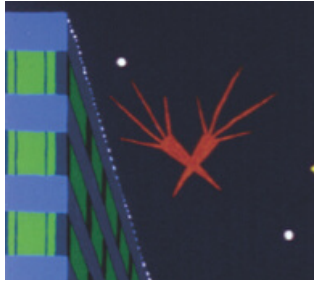




Add a Background

Jessica often adds details in the sky behind her buildings. Some of things she adds to her backgrounds include:

- Rainbows
- Stars
- Galaxies
- Fireworks
- Mythical Animals



Your Turn:

Add objects in the sky behind the building you drew!

Pick something that Jessica Park often draws, or make up your own!



Repeat Your Project

Jessica often repeats drawings, focusing on different colors each time. Below are three out of nine different times she drew the same doors!



Take your work and repeat it!

Try different colors, then try different angles, then try different buildings!

Share your work with us online by tagging us on Facebook or Instagram @ACTWM





Learn More about Jessica Park!

Read about Jessica's life and artwork on these websites:

<https://www.brattleboromuseum.org/2014/05/29/a-world-transformed-the-art-of-jessica-park/>

<https://folkart.org/mag/jessica-park>

<http://www.mcla.edu/Academics/undergraduate/art/Field/jessica-park-project/>

http://goodpurpose.org/portfolio_page/park-jessica/

<https://benningtonmuseum.org/press-releases/jessica-park-her-story-told/>

<http://www.mcla.edu/Assets/MCLA-Files/BCRC/jessicapark/Jessica%20Park%2003--Raw%20Vision%20article.pdf>

<https://www.purevisionarts.org/artist/jessica-park/>

