

Paul Klee Drawings

Paul Klee was born December 1879 (and died in June 1940) Klee was a Swiss painter of German nationality. His highly individual style was influenced by movements in art that included expressionism, cubism, and surrealism. Klee was a natural draftsman who experimented with and eventually mastered color theory. His works reflect his dry humor and his sometimes child-like perspective, his personal moods and beliefs, and his musicality.



"Art does not reproduce the visible; rather, it makes it visible." – Paul Klee

Materials needed: Pencils, 12 x 12 cardstock paper, black SHARPIE markers, (fine point) oil/chalk pastels, color reproductions of Paul Klee's work (teacher will supply)

What to do:

1. Briefly discuss Paul Klee's life while exhibiting color reproductions of his work.
2. Using the guided drawing technique, instructor places drawing paper on easel, where it is easily visible for all to see.
3. Instructor models by drawing outline of basic shapes for cat. (see photos below as examples)
4. Artists draw what they see, adding their own (interpretations) from instructor's example.
5. Artists color in each separate area of their drawings, using a variety of colors.

The words on Klee's tombstone, (part of his father's credo) say,

*"I cannot be grasped in the here and now,
For my dwelling place is much among the dead,
As the yet unborn,
Slightly closer to the heart of creation than usual,
But still not close enough."*



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Lesson Plan by instructor Deb Hodies. Consider the following summer camps:

- Drawing FUNdamentals (grades 1-3), Aug. 17 - Aug. 21, 9AM to 12:15 PM
- Inspired Artists (grades K-3), Aug. 24 - Aug. 28, 12:45 to 4PM



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Paul Klee was born on December 18th, 1879 in Münchenbuchsee, Switzerland. A natural draftsman who experimented with and eventually deeply explored color theory, Klee was influenced by Expressionism, Cubism, and Surrealism. He taught at the Bauhaus School of Art, Design and Architecture in Germany. Klee's works reflect his dry humor, childlike perspective, his personal moods and beliefs, and his musicality. Klee passed away on June 29th, 1940 at the age of 60.