



## Home Learning – Art with Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Byrne

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Joan Miró was born in Barcelona, Spain in 1893. He died in 1983 at the age of 90. He was a painter, sculptor and ceramicist. He was well known for his use of simple shapes, bright colours, and the symbolic meaning of his artworks. His art is often described as being child-like, dream-like, and playful. His work is classified as Surrealism.

Take a look at some of his most famous paintings (listed below) Can you answer some of the questions suggested.

What colours does Miró use?

If you were going to give each painting a title, what would you call them?

What motifs are repeated in the paintings?

You will notice that there are certain motifs that are often found in Miró's paintings. These are shapes or designs that appear across several works. Which ones stand out to you?

**Remember, there are no right or wrong answers, so talk freely about what you see in the paintings.**

**Woman Encircled by the Flight of a Bird**

**Morning Star**

**Women and Bird in the Moonlight**

#### Materials needed

white card (A4) for dice

dice printable (see attachment)

scissors

ruler

pencil

sticky tape

large white card

marker pens in black, red, yellow, blue, and green

We are going to use some of the motifs you saw in your own drawings. We'll begin by picking out six key motifs to make our own art dice.

Sometimes we're not sure how to get started on a drawing. A big, blank piece of card can look intimidating, and we can be fearful of making the first mark. What if we make a mistake? What if we run out of ideas? How should we get started? The Dice of Decision will come to your rescue!

Let's make an art dice, with one of Miró's distinctive motifs on each face of the dice. Any time we need an idea, to start or during our drawing activity, we can roll our Dice of Decision and see what it tells us to draw. It's up to you how big to draw the motif, where to place it, and which colour to make it, but use the Dice of Decision as your friend to help you. Use marker pens to draw one of Miró's motifs on each face of the dice. Choose the motifs that stand out to you from Miró's work. Which six will you select: spirals, circles, stars....? Fold your dice and use sticky tape to hold it together.

Once you have made your Dice of Decision, take a large piece of card and some marker pens. You can use Miró's colour palette of black, red, yellow, blue, and green.

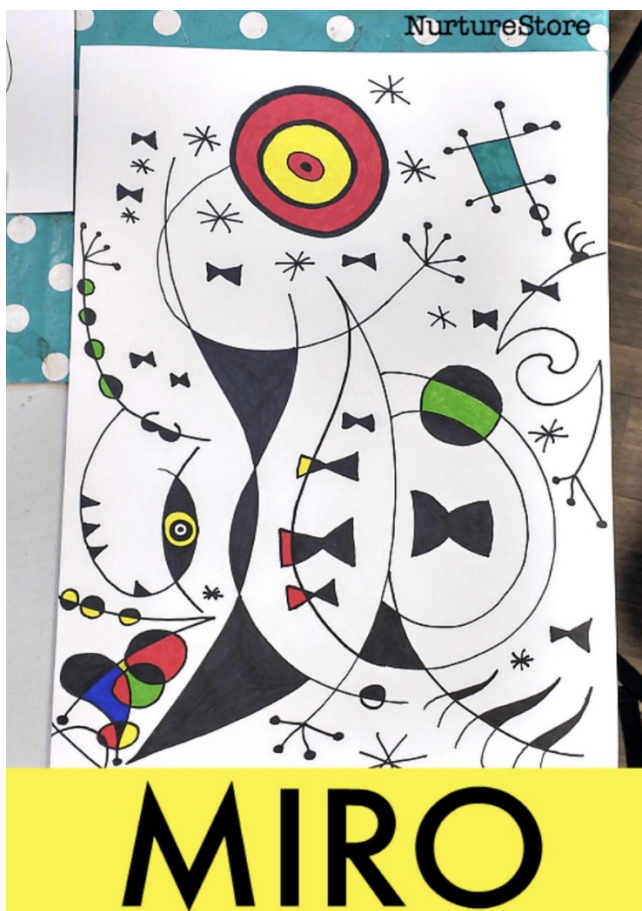
Fill your page with designs inspired by Miró.

Think about how you would like to place your motifs on your page. How big will you make each element?

Perhaps you will use your symbols to create a map, or to tell a story.

Remember that any time you get stuck about what to draw next, ask your Dice of Decision!

Example:



**Mrs Clark and Mrs Byrne looking forward to seeing your Miro masterpieces!**