

Playing with Color

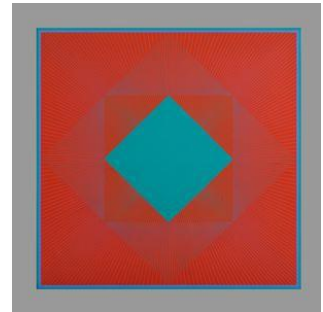
Many artists use tools to help them make their work, especially artists who create very straight and even lines. Frank Stella used a protractor, Indiana used stencils and Richard Anuszkiewicz used tape. Each of these artists created many paintings using these tools, constantly practicing and modifying their technique. Get creative with this easy to do painting project using painters tape. Try it a few times and see how your technique changes as you practice and reflect on each work you make.



[Frank Stella](#), *Sinjerli, Variation I*, 1968. Acrylic on canvas, 120 in. x 120 in.



[Robert Indiana](#), *Decade Autoportrait 1963*, 1971, oil on canvas, 48 x 48"



[Richard Anuszkiewicz](#), *Primary Contrast*, 1965, acrylic on canvas, 60 1/4 in. x 60 1/4 in.

Activity: Painters Tape Painting

Materials:

- Paper (heavy paper like cardstock or watercolor works best but construction paper will work too)
- Paint such as acrylic, oil, or tempera (but if you don't have paint try this with marker, crayon, or colored pencil)
- Painters or masking tape
- Paintbrushes

Directions:

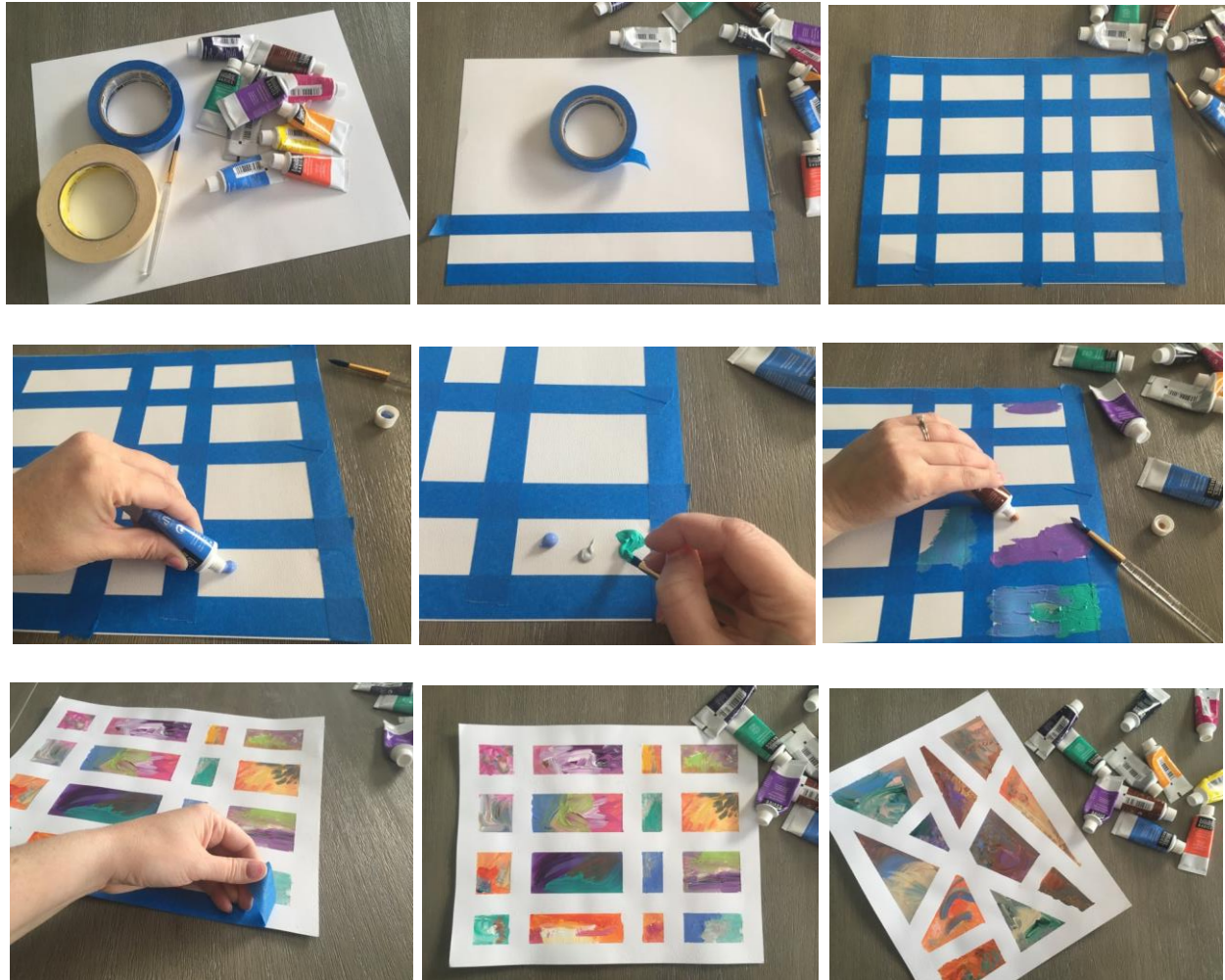
- Divide your paper into sections using masking tape. These sections can be squares, rectangles, triangles, or any shape and size you like. Remember that the areas you are covering with tape will remain white (unless you choose to add more color after removing the tape).
- Add a small amount of paint to one section. You can squirt paint directly out of the tube onto a white space or use a brush to start. Feel free to add more than one color to see what happens.
- Continue adding color to each section until all are filled. Use as many or as few colors as you'd like.
- Let the paint dry, then carefully peel away the tape to reveal the white paper beneath.

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Tips:

- Relax and have fun with this style of painting. Think of it as playing and experimenting with color.
- To add another element to this project, try playing music and see if your painting style changes depending on the music you are listening to!



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