

Whimsical Wind Drawings

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Inspired by...

*The Whimsical art of
Joan Miro*



A bit about the artist...

Joan Miro

Joan Miro was born in Spain in 1893. He was a painter, sculptor and ceramicist (clay). His work often combined naturalism and surrealist fantasy with abstraction. His work was often referred to as surrealism with personal style and was an attempt to break away from popular trends in painting at the time.

For more information see:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/joan-miro-1646>



Joan Miro, *The Matador*, 1969

Definition:

Whimsical

Adjective.

Unusual or strange in a way that might be funny, playful, amusing or annoying. Or: Slightly odd in a uniquely imaginative, fanciful/ quaint way.

Related words: fickle, giddy, imaginary, quizzical, romantic, temperamental, witty.



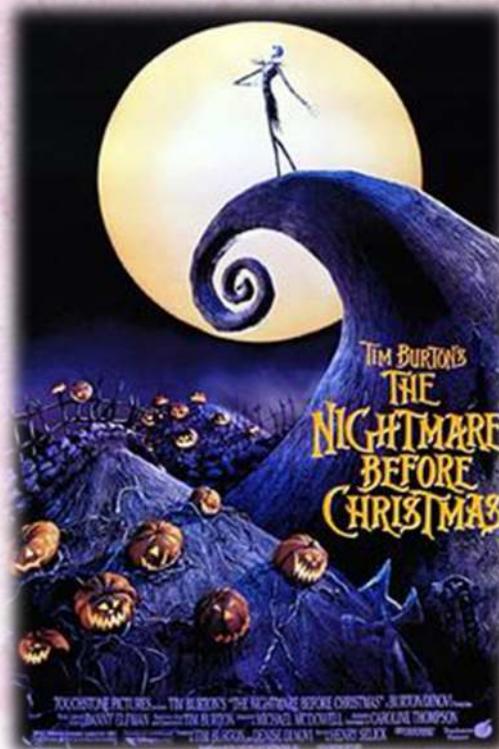
The whimsical digital art of Alexander Jansson

Whimsical Art...

“Whimsical art is a vibrant and playful style of art that is childlike and carefree. Commonly associated with children's book illustrations and fairy tale art, this artwork lifts the spirit and makes you happy.

Whimsical art is characteristically (but not necessarily) bright, colourful, and fun. It is the art of childhood and innocence. But it doesn't always have to be sugary sweet and deliciously darling. Art imbued with whimsicality can also include the cutely creepy, the oddly adorable, and the ugly munchkins. For example, Tim Burton's cast of characters in Nightmare Before Christmas are a bizarre bunch of mostly-lovable whimsical characters that emerge from the darker side of human psychology. Such characters express innocence gone awry. They are the shadowy side of whimsicality. “

This and more information about whimsical art available on Art is fun website: <https://www.art-is-fun.com/whimsical-art#:~:text=Whimsical%20art%20is%20a%20vibrant,bright%2C%20colorful%2C%20and%20fun.>



Duy Huynh, *High Notes for Low Cloud*, Acrylic on canvas



Little Blue Moon



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Task: Create a whimsical wind drawing using watercolours and pen.

Using watercolour paint and a straw, create blobs and marks by blowing colour around you page. Once dried, use a fine liner pen to draw around your random abstract shapes to make a picture of figures and/ or objects.

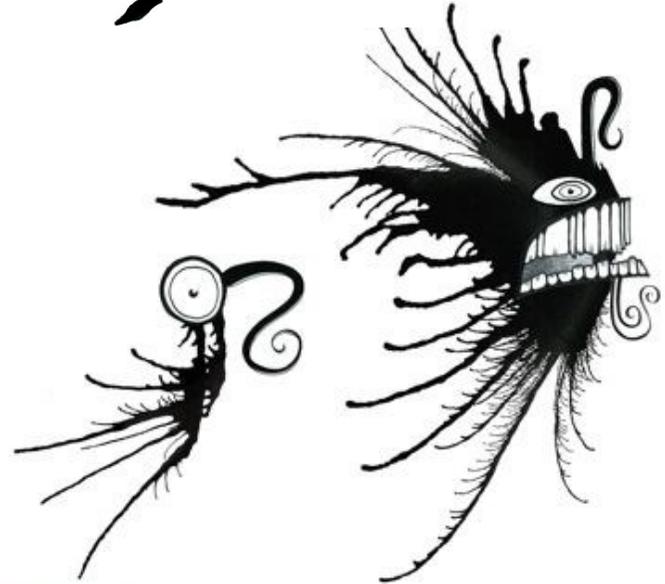
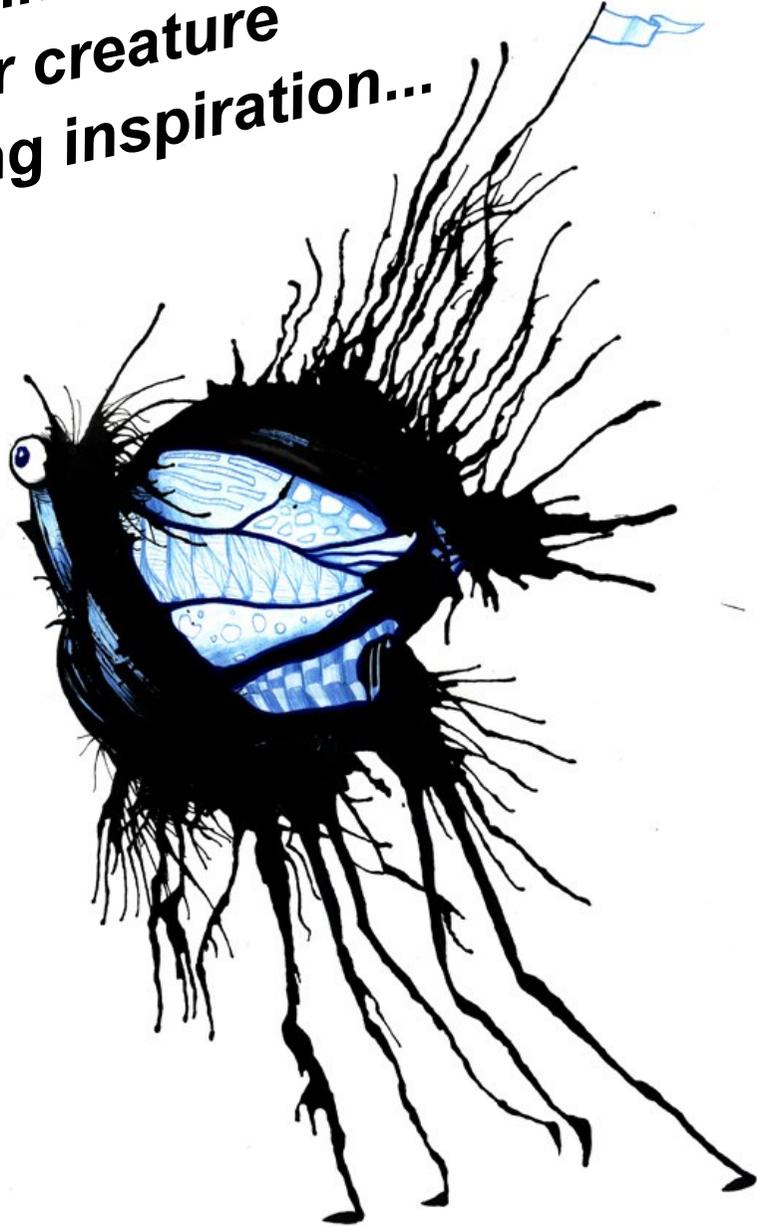


Joan Miro, *The Two Friends*, 1969

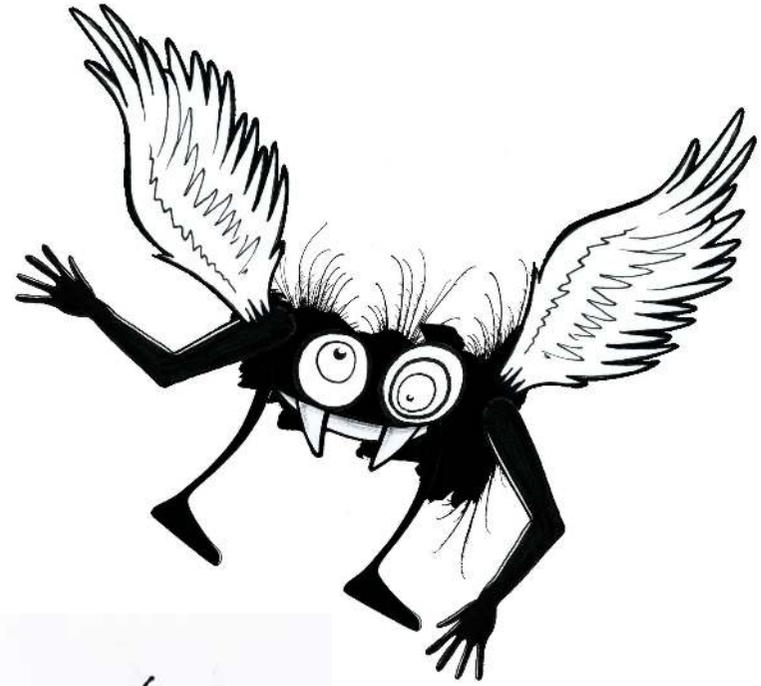


Joan Miro, *Constellations 2*, 1959

Some ink/ watercolour
splatter creature
drawing inspiration...







You Will Need:

- Straw
- Liquid watercolours
- Watercolour paper
- Paintbrushes (large soft)
- Fine liners
- Coloured pens/ pencils (optional)



Step 1: Background wash **(optional)**

Water down some watercolour paint to a watery consistency (Half fill paint containers from art packs with water).

Use a large soft paintbrush to apply a light wash of colour all over your page for the background. Do a couple of different washes. Leave to dry completely.

Hint: If you find your paper bending and curling from the water, leave it under a heavy flat weight overnight to flatten out. Only do this when paper is dry!



Step 2: Apply paint.

Water down some black or dark blue liquid watercolour paint.

Use a big soft paint brush to drop blobs of paint onto your page.

Think about where you are placing your blobs and how many you want and how close together.

Hint: Tap the paintbrush against your finger while its over the page to create small splatters of paint.





Step 3: Blow

Quickly and while your paint blobs are still wet, use a straw to blow your paint blobs around your page. Add more paint blobs if you want to and repeat the process. When you are happy with your results, leave to dry completely. Do a few different ones.

Hint: Use short sharp breaths for a more splatter effect with the paint.



Step 4: Finish off

Once your paint blobs have dried use a fine liner pen, texters, pencils and/ or paint to add lines and draw on your paint blobs to create your finished piece. You can just use black or you might like to add more colours.

Hint: Cut out some small round circles and stick onto your work to create eyes. Draw on the pupil with a fine liner pen.







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