Roy Lichtenstein Themed Collage Activity

Roy Lichtenstein was one of the most famous artists in the pop art movement, which was active in Britain and America during the 1950s and 60s. Pop art is the depiction and painting of ordinary objects, painted boldly in bright colours. Pop artists created pictures of consumer product labels, packaging, images of celebrities, comic strips, animals and many other everyday objects. Lichtenstein is particularly famous for his comic book themed paintings, made up of hundreds of thousands of dots. These are known as Ben-Day dots and are named after the printer Benjamin Henry Day Jr. You can use this activity to create your own Roy Lichtenstein themed collages.

You will need:

- A4 white paper or a template sheet
- · A glue stick
- A hole punch
- Different coloured paper
- · A pencil
- A black and a selection of brightly coloured felt-tip pens

You could also use small, round, coloured stickers. If you use stickers, you will not need glue.



Instructions:

- 1. Look at some examples of Lichtenstein's work you could use the Internet to find some.
- 2. Choose a picture that inspires you and draw a pencil outline. Alternatively, you could use a template sheet.
- 3. When you are happy with your design, go over the pencil lines with the black felt-tip pen.





- 4. Decide which parts of your picture are going to be collage and which are going to be drawn. If you look at Lichtenstein's work, he often chose features to pick out in block colour. For example, in this image, the hair and the background are made up of dots but the rest is solid colour.
- 5. Use the hole punch to punch out circles of the coloured paper that you need.
- 6. Carefully, glue the circles of coloured paper on to your artwork.
- 7. Colour any area that you haven't collaged with your felttip pens, adding any extra details that you need to.
- 8. Admire your finished artwork!

















