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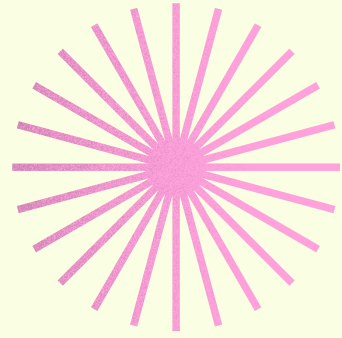


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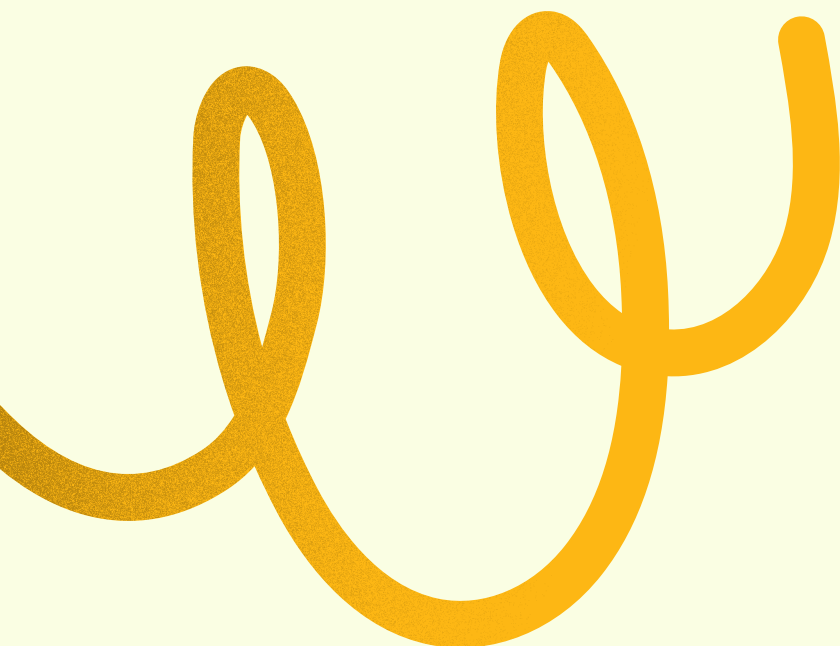
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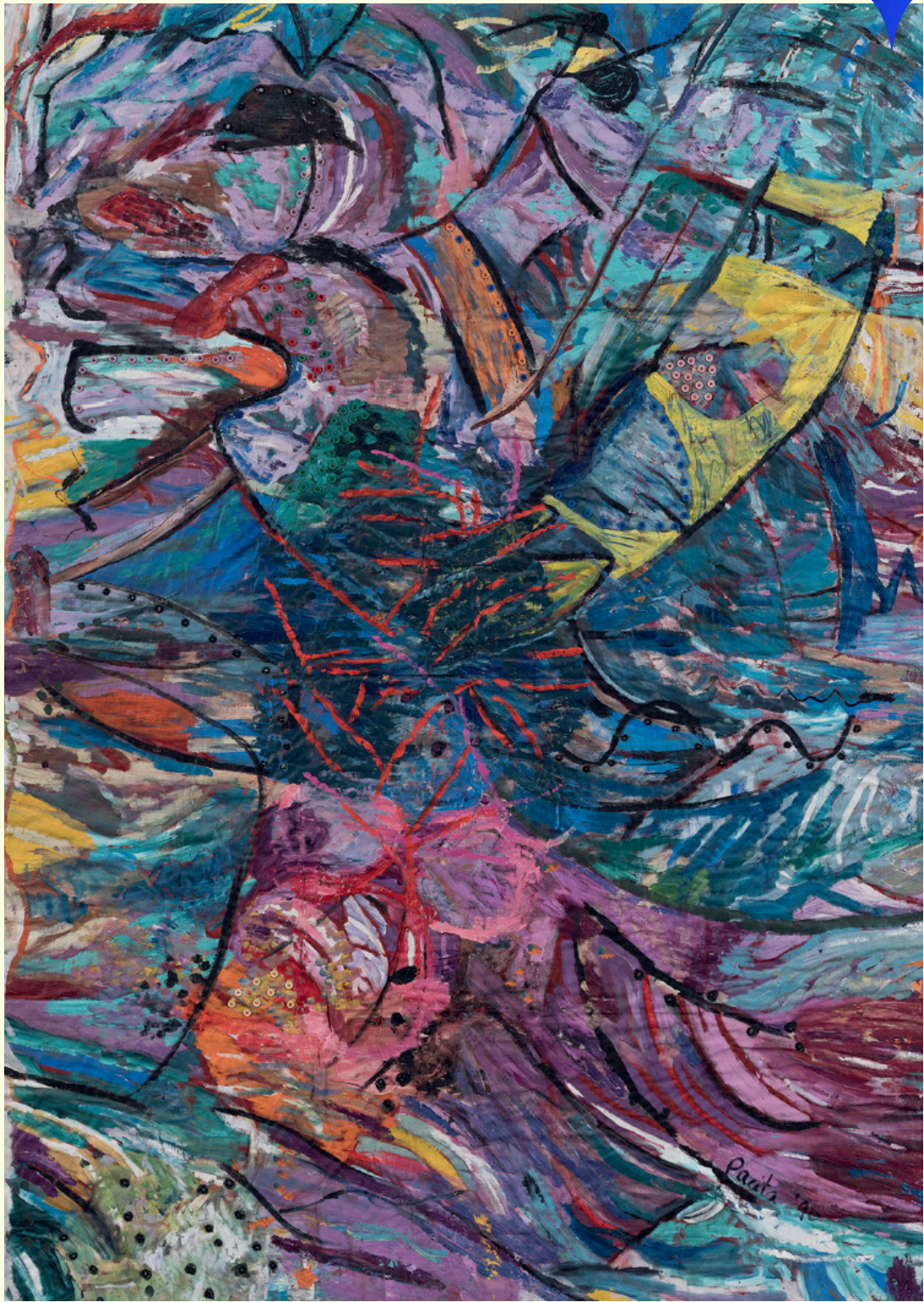


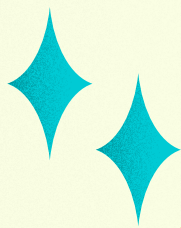
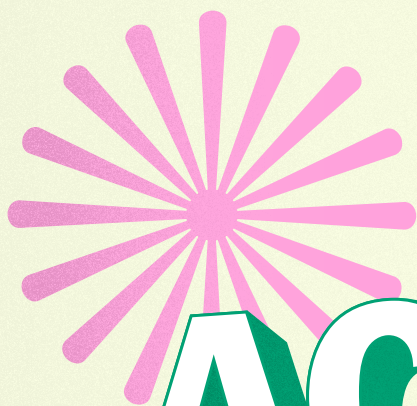
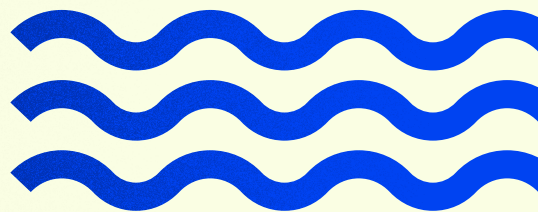
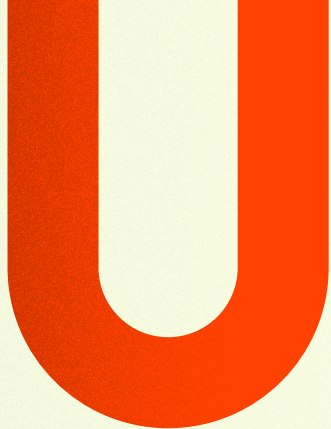
She was a Filipina American artist who loved color, texture, and travel. She lived and worked in many countries, and her experiences shaped her art.

She is best known for making large, colorful artworks called trapuntos. Instead of flat paintings, she stuffed her canvases and decorated them with fabric, mirrors, buttons, shells, and other materials, creating bumpy, textured surfaces.

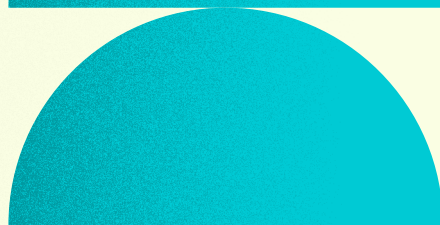
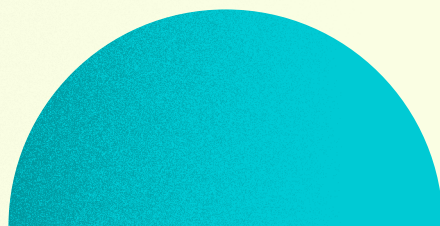
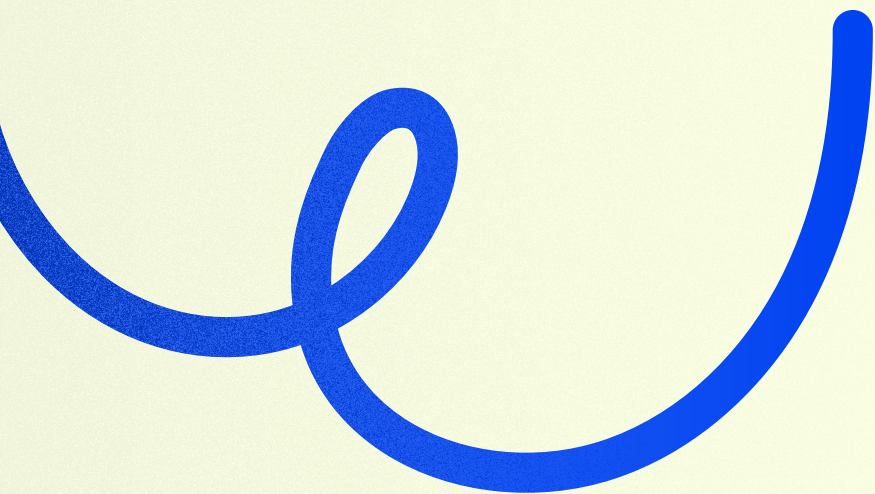
Many of her works began with simple lines inspired by nature, which she transformed into bold, abstract shapes full of energy. Pacita believed that color could tell stories and express feelings, and she often said she saw the world through color.







ACTIVITY



Age group: 5+

Time: 40 – 30 minutes



LEARNING FOCUS:

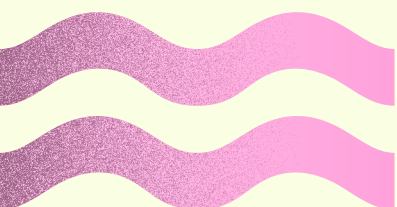
- Exploring color inspired by Pacita Abad
 - Expressing ideas through abstract shapes and patterns
 - Experimenting with blending techniques using oil pastels and baby oil
 - Developing creativity, focus, and fine motor skills
 - Understanding that art does not need to be perfect to be meaningful
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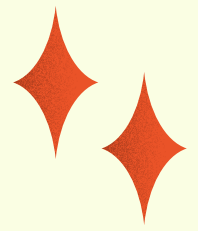
MATERIALS:

- Blank sheet of thick paper
 - Pencil
 - Scissors
 - Oil pastels (or crayons, markers, or paint as alternatives)
 - Baby oil
 - Q-tips (cotton swabs)
 - Paper towels (optional, for cleanup)
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ACTIVITY STEPS:

1. Draw a large circle on your paper using a pencil. (It does not need to be perfect — just not too small.)
2. Inside the circle, draw any shapes, lines, or patterns that come to mind. Don't overthink it — have fun and be creative.
3. Once you are happy with your design, begin coloring using oil pastels.





4. Try to use as many colors as you can, starting with smaller shapes and lighter colors first.
5. After applying oil pastel, dip a Q-tip into baby oil and gently smooth the color to blend it. The Q-tip works like a tiny paintbrush.
6. Continue coloring and blending until your circle is fully filled with vibrant color.
7. When finished, carefully cut out your circle with scissors.
8. Display your artwork together on a wall or window to create a colorful collection inspired by Pacita Abad.
9. Share your artwork and talk about your design and color choices.

