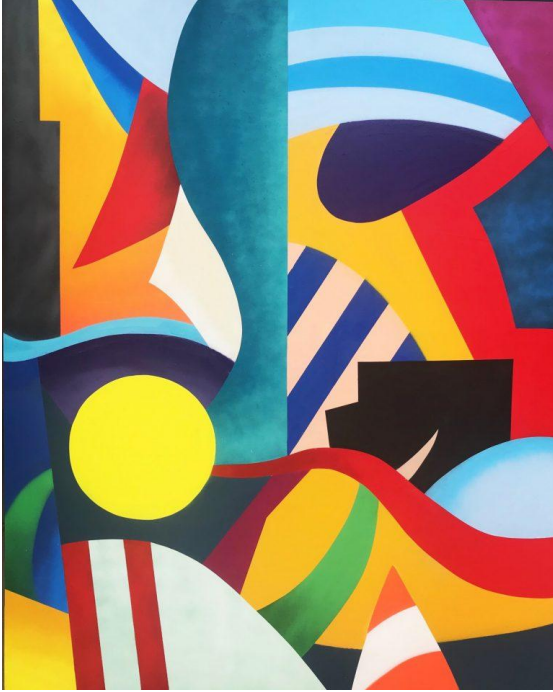




**O-riginal Art Activity:**  
**Painting Abstract Shapes**  
**Inspired by Wendo Brunoir**



Wendo Brunoir, *If You Want to Swim, Go to Coney Island*,  
2021, Acrylic & spray paint.

**Wendo Brunoir** is a young contemporary visual artist from the United States, born in 1982. Brunoir had been selected to exhibit in *Louisiana Contemporary Presented by the Helis Foundation* for the past two consecutive years.

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### Supplies

Paper, Acrylic paint, Brush, Paper towels, Cup of water

### Instructions

**Step 1:** Look at Wendo's piece, *If You Want to Swim, Go to Coney Island*. Notice how there are different forms and shapes that make up this artwork. The artist applies paint with controlled brush strokes to paint sharp lines that form the shapes. He also uses a variety of colors to create movement within the work. First think of how you will create a painting like Wendo. In your **painting**, what colors will you use? What shapes will you paint? How will you form the shapes?

**Step 2:** Find an area inside your house where you can freely paint or an area outside where it's okay to get messy. Ask a parent or guardian.

**Step 3:** Let's get creative! Pick a shape to start your painting. Try to have a shape that is the focus in the center of the painting like in the image (focal point). Use a brush to apply the paint to the paper. It is ok if your shapes are not perfect as this is an **abstract** painting. Make sure to focus on the motion of your brushstrokes and placement of color.

**Step 4:** Remember to wash off your brush when changing colors. Repeat **Step 3** with a different shape or color.

**Step 5:** Once you are finished, take pictures of your artwork to share with your friends and family.

### Vocabulary

**Abstract** - an artwork that is composed of shapes and colors.

**Painting** - an artwork made on a surface such as canvas or wood with oil or acrylic pigment; usually 2D.

