

Indian Art

Learning Objective:

To explore the history and styles of Indian painting.



Have you seen any
Indian-style paintings?

Do you know any
Indian artists?

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Indian painting has a very long and involved history. There have been many different painting styles in India, some date back to the 17th century.



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**The earliest
Indian paintings
were painted onto
rock walls in
caves. The
Bhimbetka rock
shelters have cave
paintings that are
approximately
30,000 years old.**



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Indian painting styles have developed throughout the centuries. Each style incorporates the Indian culture, traditions and religious beliefs.

Did you know Indian paintings are classed into two genres: **miniatures** and **murals**.



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Miniature paintings

Indian miniature paintings are small paintings that are used for books and albums. They were often painted on cloth or paper.



Mural paintings

Indian mural paintings are large-scale wall paintings. They take a long time to complete. This wall painting (not to scale) was painted on the wall of an Indian temple.



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Today we will
look at seven
different painting
styles from India.

Are you ready to see
them?

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This is a
Mughal-style
painting.



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Artist: unknown

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**What colours
were used in
this painting?**

**What patterns
were used in
this painting?**

**What is the
painting
showing you?**

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This is a
Rajput-style
painting.

Artist:
Nihal
Chand



What colours were used in this painting?

What patterns were used in this painting?

What is the painting showing you?

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This is a
Kangra-style
painting.

Artist:
unknown



What colours were used in this painting?

What patterns were used in this painting?

What is the painting showing you?



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This is a
Mysore-style
painting.



Artist: Durgada Krishnappa

**What colours
were used in
this painting?**

**What patterns
were used in
this painting?**

**What is the
painting
showing you?**

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This is a
Tanjore-style
painting.



Artist: unknown

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**What colours
were used in
this painting?**

**What patterns
were used in
this painting?**

**What is the
painting
showing you?**

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This is a
Madhubani-
style painting.



Artist:
Padma
Shri Sita
devi



What colours were used in this painting?

What patterns were used in this painting?

What is the painting showing you?

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This is a
Pattachitra-style
painting.



Artist: Durgada Krishnappa

**What colours
were used in
this painting?**

**What patterns
were used in
this painting?**

**What is the
painting
showing you?**

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**What do
all these painting
styles have in
common?
Think, pair, share.**



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Plenary



Indian Mughal painting



Italian fresco painting

These paintings were painted in the 16th century but in completely different countries.

How are they similar? How are they different?