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Keith Haring Multi-stage Print



Keith's artwork is characterized by bright colors and bold outlines. His images are simple cartoon-like characters that he created very quickly. His inspiration started at an early age when Keith watched his father make cartoons. He later studied at art schools in Pittsburgh and New York.

Keith Haring first started to become famous for his chalk drawings on empty black ad spaces in the New York subway stations. On several instances he was even arrested for his graffiti style artwork! As he became well known, people started stealing and selling his subway artwork. Eventually he started exhibiting his paintings and sculptures in galleries all over the world. He sold t-shirts, buttons, posters, games, and started working with children in schools to paint large murals. He thought it was important for everyone to experience and create art. He loved painting with a large crowd as an audience.

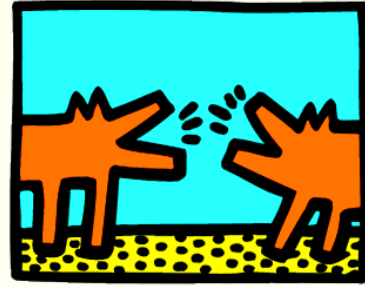


One of Keith's most famous images is called the "Radiant Baby." This symbol was often Keith's way of signing his artwork. The rays around the baby represent energy. Another famous symbol that Keith created was the barking dog.

In the late 1980's Keith became very sick and died of AIDS, but he had clearly left his mark in the art world. Keith's paintings can still be found in galleries and museums all over the world, books, t-shirts, CD covers, and on the Internet. Visit www.haringkids.com for more information on Keith. The website also has fun interactive games and activities for you to do!

The Design

For this project you will be creating your own symbol in the style of Keith Haring. Think about what your symbol means and how it reflects you. Create some thumbnail sketches in the boxes below.



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- Choose the one you feel the most strongly about and circle it. You will be creating a **multi-stage print** of your symbol.
- Draw your symbol using thick bold outlines. Color the outlines black.
- Choose one light color and one dark color for your symbol. Color the background with the light color and the inside of your symbol with the other color.



Printing

- You are now ready to start printing. You will carve away areas of your block at each step before printing in a new color.
- The first stage of your print will be the background color. You will not need to carve anything away for the first step! Just print your block as demonstrated.
 - You will need to create enough prints so that you have 3 good ones. It is a good idea to create a few more as a safety net!!
- The second stage will be the color of your symbol. On your block, carve away all of the area that represents the background of your design. **DO NOT** carve away the part that will be your design!! Print your second darker color now.
 - Be sure the first color is dry before you print the second color, and be sure to line up the edges of the block with the first print.
- The last stage is to carve away everything but the outline of your symbol. Use carbon paper to transfer the outline to the other side of your block. Carve, and print the outlines of your symbol.
 - **AGAIN**, be sure to line up your print properly!
- Now you are finished! Be sure to number and sign your prints. We will work together to create an accordion display of everyone's Keith Haring symbol.

