Key Facts

Hokusai is best-known for his series of woodblock prints *Thirty Six Views of Mount Fuji.* Hokusai was the first artist to use the term 'manga', which roughly means 'random drawings'. Hokusai's largest work was a series of 4,000 sketches published in fourteen volumes in 1814. He always wanted to improve, and believed he would produce his best work when he was 110, but died aged 88.

Key Work



Egrets (1823) From his book *Quick Lessons in Simplified Drawing.* The book was written in Japanese, but also showed pictures, to help non-Japanese speakers.

Key Vocabulary

A mixture of

pigment, oil and

A stick of pigment

that leave a chalky

To mix/smudge colours a little at a

time to create a

gradual change.

opposite sides of the

Colours next to each

other on the colour

Colours from

colour wheel.

wax in a stick.

powder.

Oil pastel

Blend

colours

Analoque

colours

Chalk pastel

Complementary

Katsushika Hokusai (1760-1849)



Key Work



The Great Wave off Kanagawa Part of Thirty Six Views of Mount Fuji (1831). A woodblock print. Perspective to show the size of the wave comes from the men in the boat.

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Pigment: Pastel

- Match colours with increasing accuracy.
- Use a developed colour vocabulary, eg tint, tone, shade, hue.
- Experiment with different effects and textures, eg blocking in colour, moods.
- Show increasing independence & creativity.

Colour Wheel

wheel





Traditional Japanese Art

Traditional Japanese artwork included a lot of symbolism, where things in pictures represented ideas. Many Japanese artists did not try for 'realism', or making their art look as realistic as possible, but used more imaginative techniques to construct their pictures. Buddhist temples often have walls covered with detailed paintings, and have done for centuries. For a long time, Japanese art was influenced by Chinese art; it also eventually showed Western ideas.

Key Work



Fine Wind, Clear Morning Alternatively called *Red* Fuji. Also from *Thirty Six Views of Mount Fuji* (1831). The series of pictures was created at a time when there was much domestic travel in Japan.

Examples of Existing Art Oil pastels



Oil pastel

Blended chalk pastel

