



### What should I already know?

- Abstract Art tries to show things that you can't see.
- A pattern is a repeated design.
- Printing blocks can be used to repeat images.
- Art can be used to decorate objects.



### About the artist

- The ceramic artist and designer Clarice Cliff was Born in Stoke-on-Trent in 1899.
- She studied art and sculpture and started working in the pottery industry at age 13.
- She used bright colours, strong black lines and simple geometric shapes to hand paint Art Deco designs onto pottery.
- They were very popular and sold in large numbers. Soon Clarice had 100 ceramic artists painting her designs.
- Some of her most famous ceramic collections were called 'Bizarre', 'Crocus' and 'Fantastique'.

### Key Vocabulary and definitions

<b>Art Deco</b>	A style of decorative art, design and architecture of the 1920s and 1930s that used simple, clean stylised shapes.
<b>streamlined</b>	A shape that has been smoothed and simplified.
<b>geometric</b>	Decorated with regular lines and shapes.
<b>symmetry</b>	The same on both sides—a mirror image.
<b>repetition</b>	The same pattern or shape repeated.
<b>ceramics</b>	Pots, dishes and other things made from hardened clay.
<b>pottery</b>	Pots, dishes and other things made from hardened clay.
<b>printing</b>	A way of copying an image from a master copy.
<b>printing block</b>	A block that has a raised pattern on it for printing.

### Clarice Cliff's colours

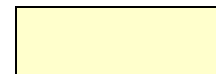
Cliff liked to use bright colours that give a feeling of Summer.



orange



black



cream



blue



yellow



green



Clarice Cliff ceramic designs