



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

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



Clarice Cliff ceramic designs

Clarice Cliff's colours

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



orange



black



cream



blue



yellow



green