



Peter Joseph Thorpe was born on November 9, 1957, in Portland, Oregon.

Peter is an abstract artist. He is well known for painting rocket pictures.

Peter Thorpe uses abstract art in the background of his work & then paints a space feature (e.g. rocket/planets) in the foreground

He started painting rockets in the 1980s. He did it to use up paint that would otherwise have been thrown away.



Complementary



Art Skills and Techniques

- Experiment with different ways to apply paint – with glue spreaders, flicking, splattering, blots, dribbles (pouring)
- Create blocks of flat colour.
- Study complimentary colours on the colour wheel.
- Apply other media to a dry painting (ink, crayon, oil pastels)

Vocabulary

abstract	Art that looks as if it contains little or no recognisable or realistic forms from the physical world. Focus is on formal elements such as colours, lines or shapes.
blend	To merge colours on a piece of paper or canvas. A type of shading.
Dab	strike with a light blow
Dot	mark with a small spot or spots.
Flat	smooth and even
Imaginary	existing only in the imagination.
Intense	of extreme force or strength.
Layer	arrange in a layer or layers.
Modern	relating to the present or recent times as opposed to the remote past.
Opaque	not able to be seen through; not transparent.
Scrape	push or pull a hard or sharp implement across a surface so as to remove other matter.
Stipple	In painting, mark a surface with numerous small dots or specks.
Splatter	splash with paint
Stroke	a mark made by drawing a paintbrush in one direction across paper or canvas
Textured	having a rough or uneven surface or consistency.
Translucent	allowing light, but not detailed shapes, to pass through