

A Dotty World

An activity of "It is the shape of planets... unique buildings"

Read "Special shapes – it is the shape of planets, sculptures, and unique buildings (page 19, *What's Up* May 2026). The article explores beautiful spheres in our world. One artist who loved flat circles as well as spheres is Yayoi Kusama. Try creating your own Kusama-style artwork!

1. Watch the following video to learn about Yayoi Kusama and her artwork:

YAYOI KUSAMA Biography Facts & Images Suitable for ALL AGES

➤ https://youtu.be/LUVCA7ZiV6U?si=BtT3NeaMl_dmJRsa
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- 1a) How does the repetition of dots or circles feel to you? Elaborate.

2. Look around your school. Find nine circles or spheres. Sketch them here.

<i>Object:</i> <i>Location:</i>	<i>Object:</i> <i>Location:</i>	<i>Object:</i> <i>Location:</i>
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3. Choose five of the circles/spheres from your hunt. These will be the starting point of your artwork. Imagine how they will feature in your art.

My chosen objects (e.g. button with holes)	What each will be in my artwork (e.g. the button will be the centre of a flower)

4. Using your selected five circles and spheres, create your Kusama-style Dotty World artwork. Your design must include:

- The five circles/spheres you selected
- At least 30 repeated dots or circles
- At least 3 different sizes of circles

Think about how you will use Kusama's ideas. Circle at least three of these ↓:

<i>I will repeat many dots.</i>	<i>I will cover objects with circles.</i>	<i>I will use circles of different sizes.</i>	<i>I will create a feeling of infinity.</i>
<i>I will make ordinary objects feel magical.</i>	<i>I will use bold colour contrasts.</i>	<i>I will create a pattern that repeats across the page.</i>	<i>I want viewers to feel immersed in my dots.</i>

Circle the word(s) ↓ that best describes the mood of your artwork.

<i>joyful</i>	<i>peaceful</i>	<i>playful</i>	<i>strange</i>	<i>dreamy</i>
<i>mysterious</i>	<i>exciting</i>	<i>calm</i>	<i>magical</i>	<i>other:</i>

5. Showcase your artwork in a mini class gallery!