



## Stuart Davis (1892-1964)

Stuart Davis was an American artist who painted in a very different style from some of the other artists we've looked at these past couple of years and started a kind of art called Pop Art. He started painting in about 1910, which was almost 100 years ago and painted for about 50 years – a long time! Stuart Davis often painted things that inspired him or that were important to him in his own life. He painted scenes or images of things from places he had visited. In some of his work, he used different sized lines and squiggles and vibrant colors to express his mood or the scene during a specific time period.

### **Before you paint:**

Draw or write down at least **four** things that you enjoy, that inspire you, or motivates you in your life:

For example: food, music, sports, cartoons, instruments, colors, words, ocean, snakes, trees...

**During painting:**

The Art Appreciation Committee believes that there is not one right way to express your self visually in your artwork! The artist can interpret their ideas and experiences in their own way. It is up to you - the artist! Enjoy the process!

Here is what Stuart Davis had to say about his artwork:

I don't want people to copy Matisse or Picasso, although it is entirely proper to admit their influence. I don't make paintings like theirs. I make paintings like mine. (Stuart Davis)

**After you paint:**

Visit one of the local museums or use the computer to research Stuart Davis.

Stuart Davis has work on display at these local museums:

- Whitney Museum of American Art - <http://whitney.org/>
- Museum of Modern Art - <http://www.moma.org/>
- Neuberger Museum of Art - <http://www.neuberger.org/>
- Metropolitan Museum of Art - <http://www.metmuseum.org/>



Can guess where this vibrant colored piece of work titled, Ow! In San Pao, is currently on display?