

ARTIST OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2025

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. Mrs Britten our Art and Design subject lead shares the artist of the month via the school art notice board. The artist of the month winner will be announced at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Please enter by Tuesday 4th November 2025

This month's artist is: **Heather Galler**



Meet Heather Galler, a modern-day artist who fills the world with colour, pattern, and joy! Heather is a contemporary American folk artist, which means she creates art that's full of personality, culture, and imagination—without needing to follow strict art rules. Heather's paintings

are bursting with bright colours, bold black outlines, and fun patterns like zigzags, stripes, dots, and swirls. She paints things that are important to her, like animals, flowers, people, and places. Her art is full of energy and happiness, and every painting tells a little story about her life, her family, or the world around her.

What Makes Her Art Special?

She uses lots of patterns to decorate her pictures—sometimes every part of the painting has a different design! Her colours are super bright—you might see pink trees, blue cats, or rainbow houses! She outlines everything in thick black lines, which makes her pictures bold and easy to recognise.

Heather Galler has been painting for over 20 years, creating colourful and joyful artwork that has captured the hearts of many. She often paints pets—especially dogs—and even creates special portraits for people who want to celebrate their furry friends. Her cityscapes are inspired by places she has visited, including New York City, where she lives and works. Heather's artwork is so popular that it has been featured on postage stamps, mugs, and even furniture! She believes that everyone can be an artist if they paint what they love, and she hopes her work inspires others to be creative and express themselves.

Questions to Think About when looking at Heather Galler's artwork

What patterns can you spot in Heather's paintings?

- How do her colours make you feel?
- If you could paint something important to you, what would it be?
- Can you think of another artist who uses bright colours and patterns like Heather? (Hint: Friedensreich Hundertwasser!)

Find out more about Heather Galler by following the link below to take you to a YouTube video with ideas of Heather Galler inspired artwork.

Heather Galler Folk Art Landscapes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtGAGsuUOwc>

Or scan the QR code to take you to the website.



Create a painting of flowers inspired by Heather Galler

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7jWTmB-qHg \(part I\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7jWTmB-qHg (part I))

Or scan the QR code to take you to the website.



Heather Galler Flowers part 2

Ms. G's Studio • 165 views • 3 years ago

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Heather Galler Flowers part 3

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Your turn

Here are some fun and creative **Heather Galler–inspired art activities** that children can try at home. You could watch one of the video clips above to inspire and guide you.

- **Patterned Animal Portraits:** Choose an animal and decorate it with bright patterns and bold colours.
- **Colourful Cityscapes:** Draw houses or buildings with vibrant rooftops and unique designs.
- **Abstract Landscapes:** Use markers, paint, and paper to create a bold outdoor scene.
- **Self-Portraits:** Make a picture of yourself with a patterned, colourful background.



More ideas to help you create a Heather Galler inspired landscape.



