

## to go! Jacob Dahlgren

**Jacob Dahlgren** was born in Stockholm, Sweden in 1970. Jacob Dahlgren is a painter, sculptor and conceptual artist that works with untraditional art materials. He creates abstract patterns by rearranging and reusing everyday objects such as scales, coat hangers, measuring tapes, lamps and most of all – striped t-shirts.

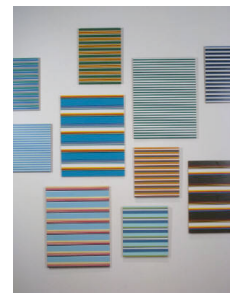
Jacob Dahlgren has worn a striped t-shirt every day for the past ten years! He has over 900 striped shirts in his collection and they are the inspiration for many of his works such as *14 Days of Red and White*, where people take pictures of Jacob in different locations wearing a striped shirt or *Signes d'Abstraction*, a performance where 300 people in striped t-shirts met at the same time in a shopping mall in Stockholm. *Peinture Abstraite* is a series of paintings based on his t-shirt collection and you can make one just like it using your family's t-shirts!

### Materials:

- T-shirts, White Paper, Ruler, Pencil and Pen, Crayons or Colored Pencils

### Directions:

- First, ask your family members if you can borrow some of their t-shirts. You will need four striped shirts. Look for stripes that are horizontal (side-to-side), vertical (up-and-down) and even diagonal (corner-to-corner).
- Now fold your white paper in half both ways (top to bottom and side-to-side) to make four squares. Each square will represent one shirt.
- Using a ruler and a pencil, sketch out the pattern of each shirt in each box. Think about the size of the stripes in relationship to each other. Are the stripes wide or skinny, spaced out or close together? Is there a pattern or is each stripe the same size. Once you've sketched out each t-shirt, use a PEN and the ruler to go over each line and make it darker.
- Now, it's time to color in the t-shirt patterns. Tip: Label each stripe with a small dot of color to remind yourself what color it is supposed to be. All the stripes can get a little confusing once you start coloring!
- Now you have made a collection of t-shirt art, just like Jacob Dahlgren. Show it to your family: Compare how your artwork looks next to the t-shirts that inspired it and without them. What does it look like when you turn it sideways?
- Try this technique with other t-shirt patterns such as plaid or polka-dots!



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