

# Doodling

Stop apologizing for it

# What is Doodling

A **doodle** is a [drawing](#) made while a person's attention is otherwise occupied. Doodles are simple drawings that can have concrete representational meaning or may just be composed of random and [abstract](#) lines or shapes.

Doodling is most often associated with young children and [toddlers](#), because their lack of [hand-eye coordination](#) and lower mental development often make it very difficult for any young child to keep their [coloring](#) attempts within the line art of the subject. Despite this, it is not uncommon to see such behavior with adults, in which case it is generally done jovially, out of boredom. Typical examples of doodling are found in school notebooks, often in the margins, drawn by students [daydreaming](#) or losing interest during class. Other common examples of doodling are produced during long [telephone](#) conversations if a pen and paper are available.

Popular kinds of doodles include cartoon versions of teachers or companions in a school, famous TV or comic characters, invented fictional beings, landscapes, geometric shapes, patterns, textures, or phallic scenes. Most people who doodle often remake the same shape or type of doodle throughout their lifetime.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRz5ZFDO0hk> (13 mins. How to)

<https://www.thedoodlechallenge.com/origins-of-the-doodle#:~:text=%22Doodling%20can%20be%20traced%20back,was%20apart%20of%20that%20communication.%22> (history)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2czOKRYTaZM> (Definition video)

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-power-of-the-doodle-improve-your-focus-and-memory-1406675744> (Power of Doodling)

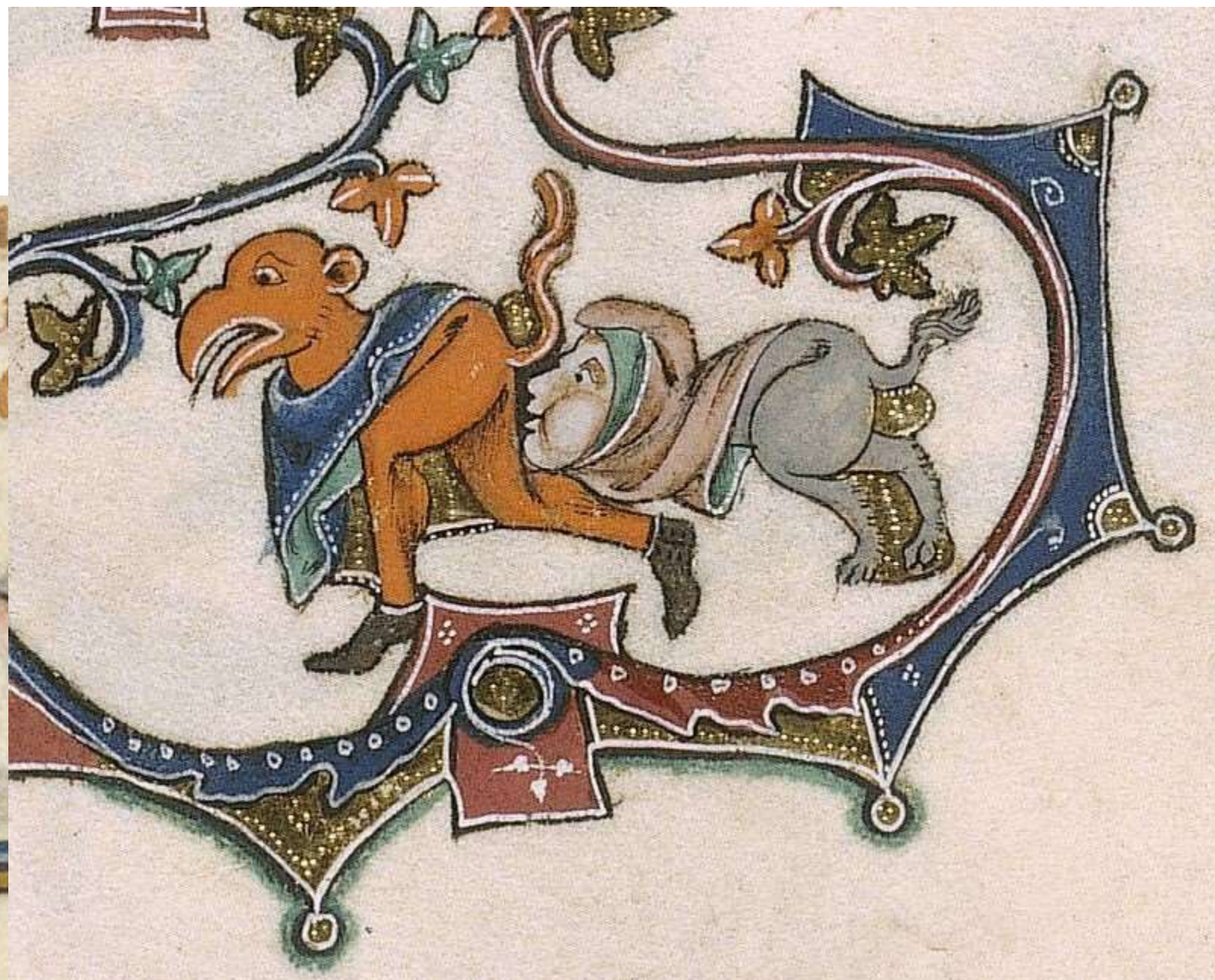
<https://www.cnn.com/2011/09/01/opinion/brown-creativity-doodles/index.html> (doodling revolution)

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/the-higher-purpose-of-doodling/> Doodle Revolution—use this)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z69jlpnkWZY> (sketchbook doodler)

# Medieval Marginalia

- <https://www.thisiscoLOSSal.com/2014/10/the-worlds-oldest-doodles/>
- <https://www.dariopaniagua.com/blog/3-things-you-can-learn-from-medieval-marginalia-to-improve-your-visual-metaphors>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCw1eIIXsMs>
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi8W\\_pyUzIY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hi8W_pyUzIY) (use this)



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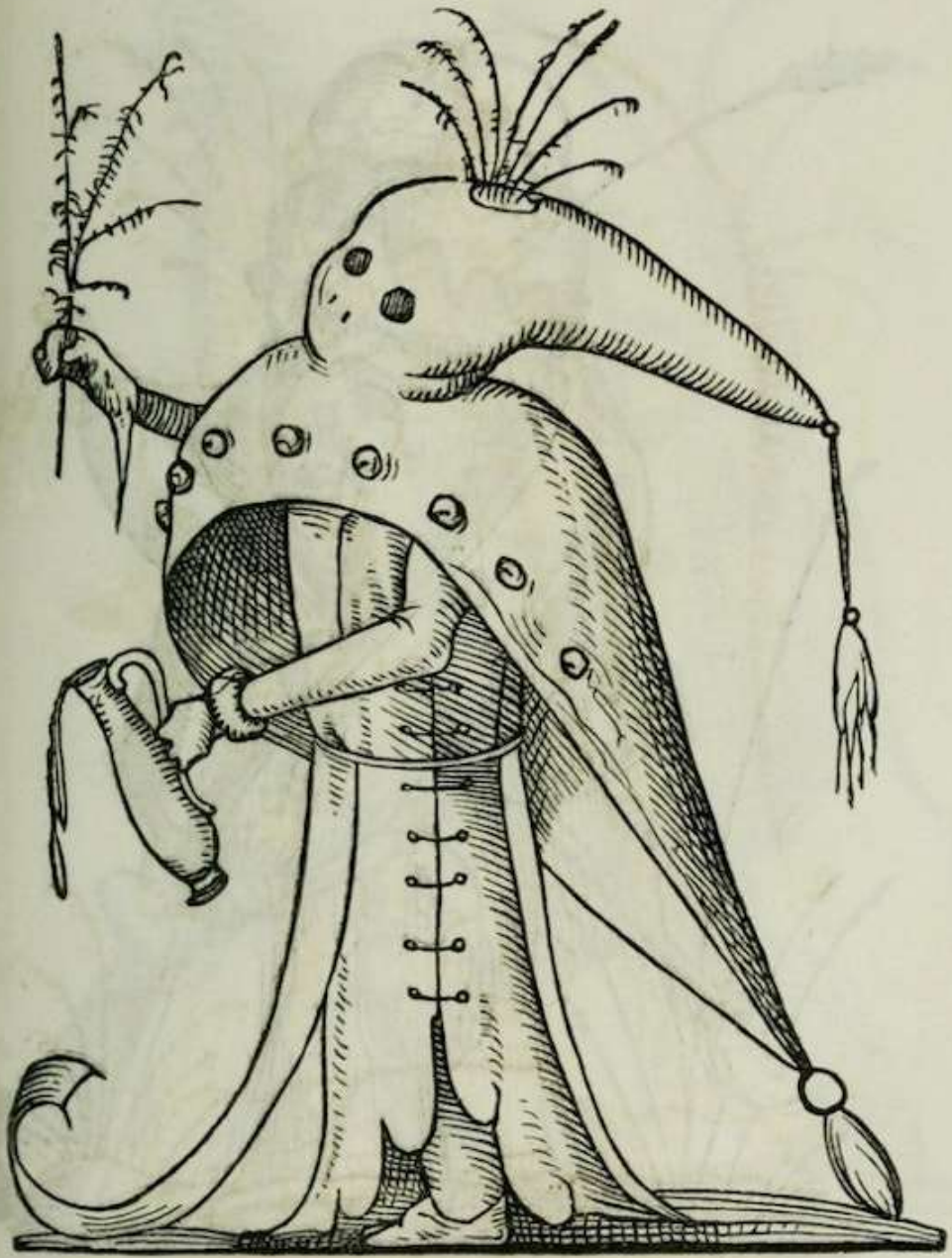


# Demon Doodles of 1565

The Drolatic Dreams of Pantagruel is a collection of 120 bizarre "demon doodles". Many of these monsters are comical, striking absurd and amusing poses. Others are a little more disturbing, with unnerving expressions and emotionless hollow faces. These sketches are so fantastically bizarre: they tap into the disturbing art of Hieronymous Bosch, and the grotesque monsters from medieval manuscripts. Curiously, there are no words to accompany these drawings, so we are left to guess their meaning. I suspect that beneath these whimsical sketches lie hidden messages that poke fun at the powers that be. From hidden jokes at the expense of the nobility and the Catholic church. Whilst I have attempted to explain the meaning of some, I'm at a loss for words with most of the others... but it's fun to guess!

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejg8eA4yIG4>





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# Famous Doodlers

What Do Ernest Hemingway, Queen Victoria, and Marlon Brando Have in Common? They Were Dedicated Doodlers

- <https://news.artnet.com/art-world/scrawl-picture-view-1515202>
- <https://www.doodleaddicts.com/artists/> (doodle addicts website)

# Dostoevsky Doodles

Like many of us, Russian literary great [Fyodor Dostoevsky](#) liked to doodle when he was distracted. He left his handiwork in several manuscripts—finely shaded drawings of expressive faces and elaborate architectural features. But Dostoevsky's doodles were more than just a way to occupy his mind and hands; they were an integral part of his literary method. His novelistic imagination, with all of its grand excesses, was profoundly visual, and architectural.

“Indeed,” [writes Dostoevsky scholar Konstantin Barsht](#), “Dostoevsky was not content to ‘write’ and ‘take notes’ in the process of creative thinking.” Instead, in his work “the meaning and significance of words interact reciprocally with other meanings expressed through visual images.” Barsht calls it “a method of work specific to the writer.” We’ve shared a [few of those manuscript pages](#) before, including one with a [doodle of Shakespeare](#).



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*[Handwritten scribbles and signatures]*

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*[Handwritten notes, mostly illegible due to cursive script and overlapping lines.]*

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# Presidential Doodles

After Somali militiamen killed eighteen U.S. soldiers in October 1993, President Clinton convened his national-security team. He sat silently while being briefed. Then, his aide Richard Clarke recalled, “When they had talked themselves out, Clinton stopped doodling and looked up. ‘Okay, here’s what we’re going to do.’”

We imagine White House meetings to be efficient and focused on grave matters; we don’t imagine the president dithering, daydreaming, or making idle scribbles—especially during moments of national crisis. But presidents, like the rest of us, doodle. Dwight Eisenhower drew sturdy, 1950s images: tables, pencils, nuclear weapons. A Herbert Hoover scrawl provided the pattern for a line of rompers. Ronald Reagan dispensed cheery cartoons to aides. John F. Kennedy reportedly doodled the word *poverty* at the last cabinet meeting before his death.

- [https://search.alexanderstreet.com/preview/work/bibliographic\\_entity%7Cvideo\\_work%7C3167126](https://search.alexanderstreet.com/preview/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cvideo_work%7C3167126)
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/presidential-doodles/3/>

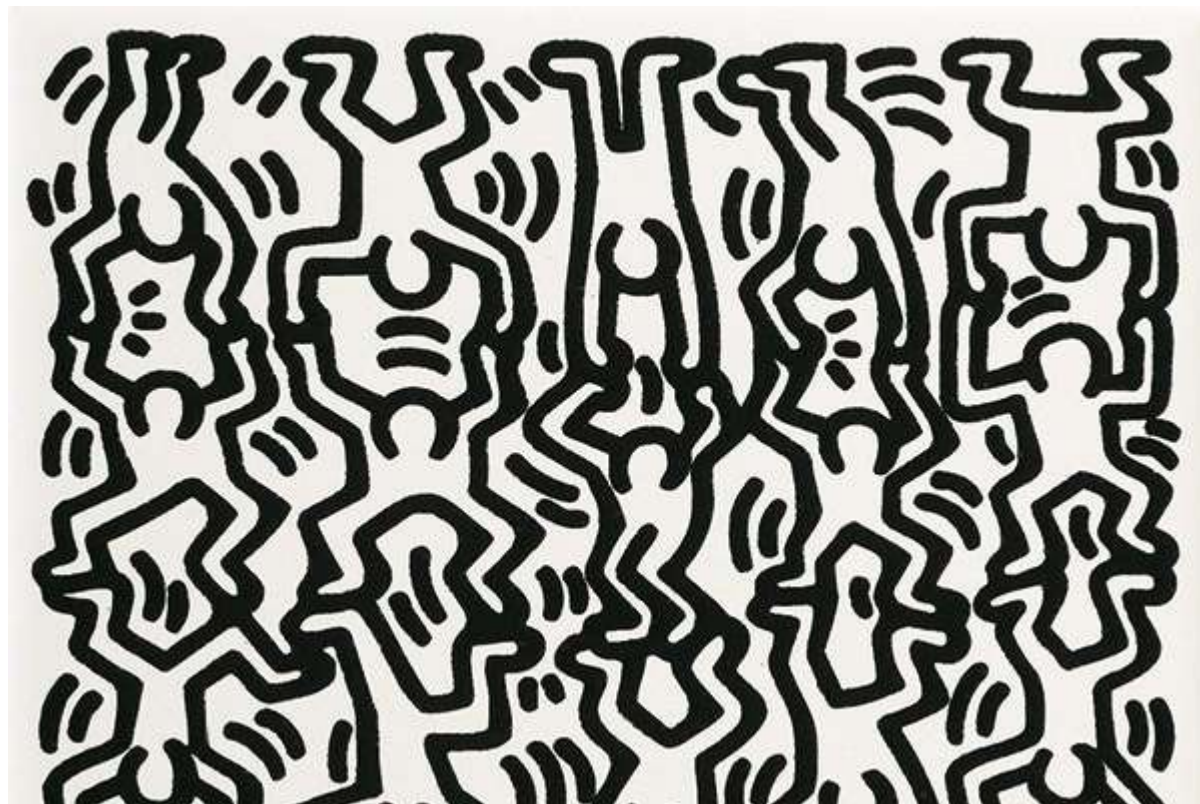
# Keith Haring

Keith Allen Haring was an American artist whose pop art emerged from the New York City graffiti subculture of the 1980s. His animated imagery has "become a widely recognized visual language".

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W04j0Je01wQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5sV68yCR0Awatch?v=C5WMb4589Gw>











# Google Doodles

A Google Doodle is a special, temporary alteration of the logo on Google's homepages intended to commemorate holidays, events, achievements, and notable historical figures.

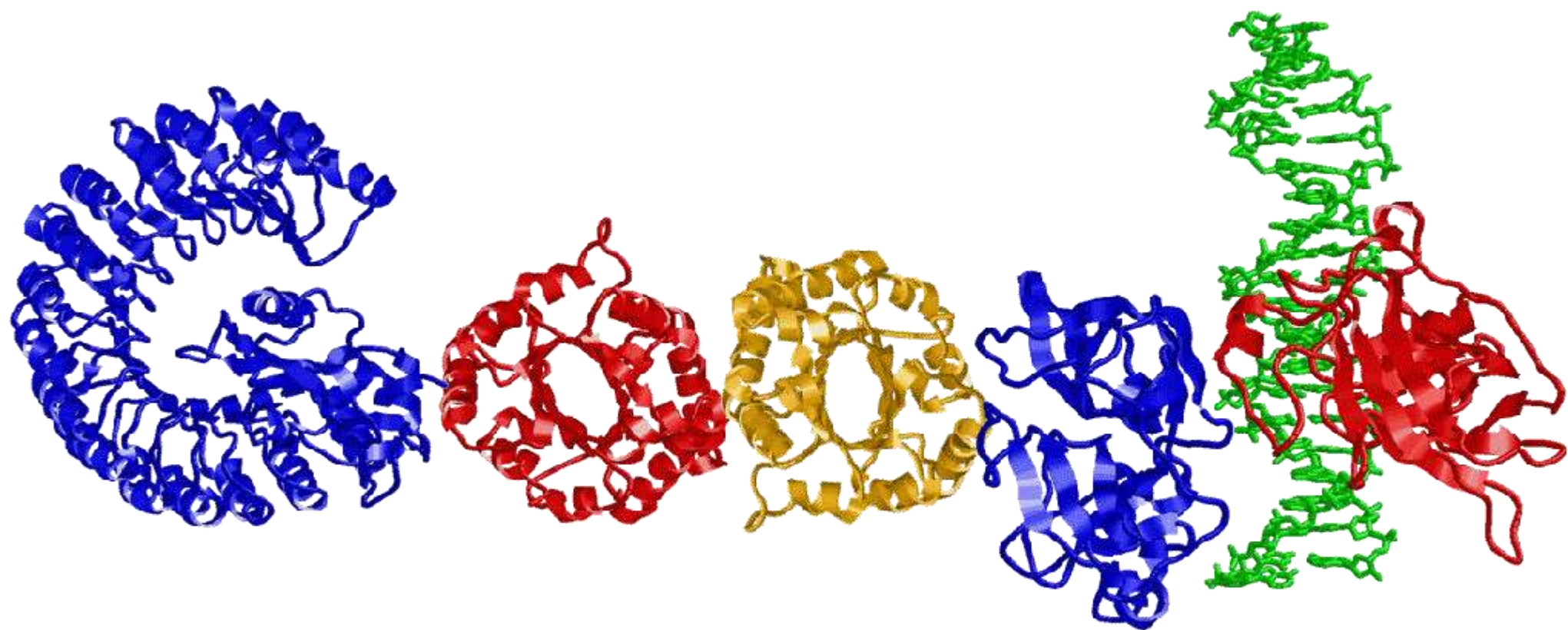
- <https://www.stikkymedia.com/google-doodle-history/>
- <https://www.1001inventions.com/google-doodle/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yDYyKA8WVqw>





Keith Haring was an american artist and social activist.







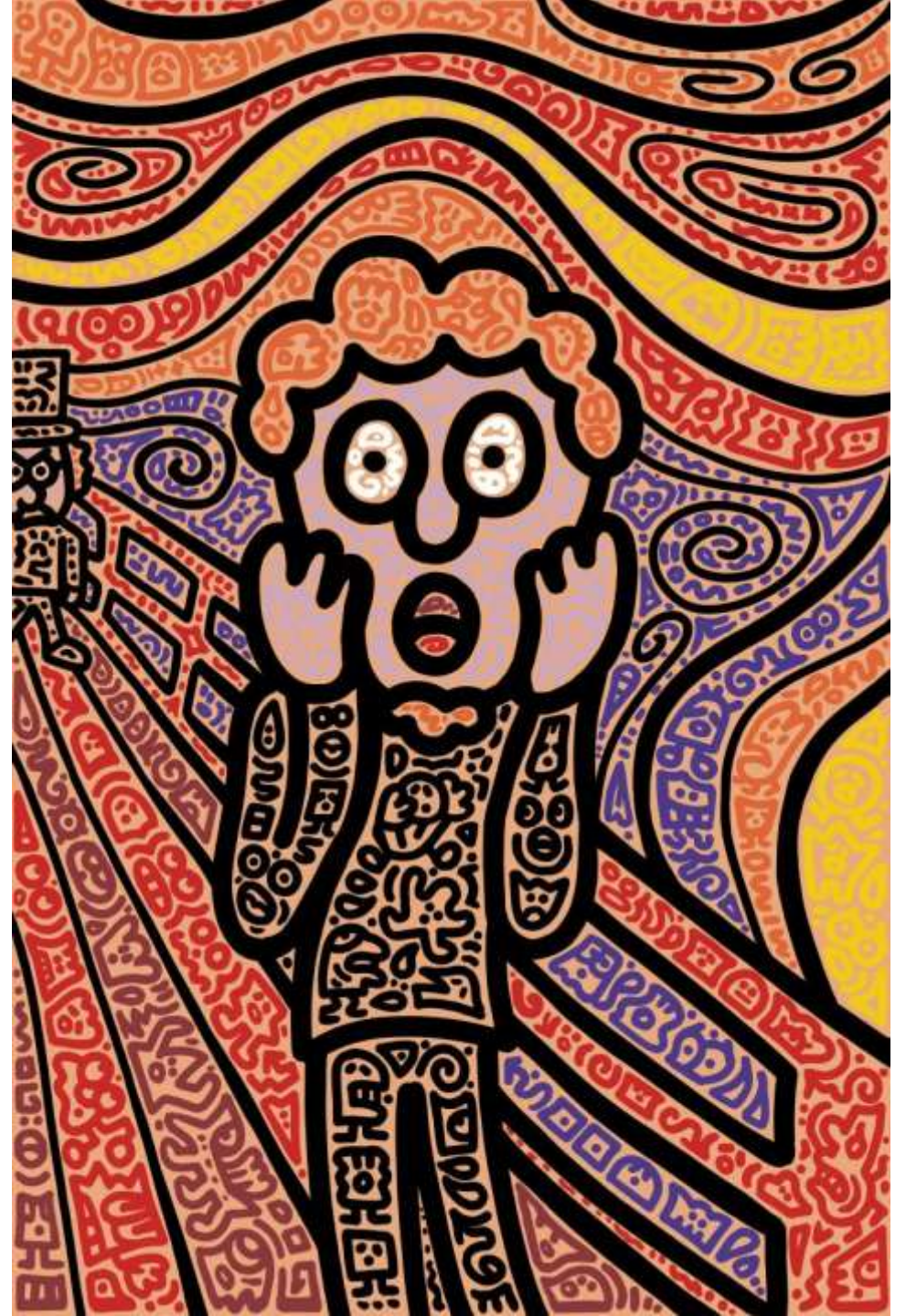


# Mr. Doodle

- <https://news.artnet.com/market/mr-doodle-profile-auction-sales-1947142> (article--scroll to video)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oc0GiglIF0A>

Sam Cox, better known under the moniker Mr Doodle, rocketed to international success thanks to his lively interlocking designs, which he calls “graffiti spaghetti.” The U.K.-born and -based artist first embraced his doodle-centric persona while studying illustration at the University of the West of England in Bristol. There, he donned apparel covered in his signature patterning—boldly outlined [figures](#) which swim amid squiggles, smiley faces, dots, and other simple geometries. His sartorial eccentricity led a professor to dub him Mr Doodle. Since then, Cox’s work has exploded in popularity, earning him exhibitions in London and Seoul as well as countless collaborations with brands including MTV, Adidas, Fendi, and Puma. His work debuted on the secondary market in March 2020; by August of that year, his painting *Spring* (2019) had sold for nearly \$1 million at auction. Cox has embraced the theatrical performativity of his Mr Doodle persona, wearing his hand-drawn clothing for public appearances and establishing an extended mythos for the character.

<https://www.creativebloq.com/illustration/doodle-art-912775>





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# Doodle House

- <https://www.google.com/search?q=mister+doodle&oq=Mister+Doodle&aqs=chrome.0.0i512l6j0i22i30l3.2341j1j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#fpstate=ive&vld=cid:10fe1a3c,vid:B5vUw2 Vra4>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7ke3HznCCo>
- <https://www.today.com/video/meet-mr-doodle-the-artist-whose-life-is-one-big-doodle-150828101818>

# Joe the Doodle Boy

[Joe Whale](#) used to get into trouble for doodling at school, until asked to decorate a local restaurant in his cartoon-style doodles, when he gained attention and now has a serious following. He's been creating art since he was 3 and likes to "pretty much create doodles from anything as I get inspired by my surroundings and create characters from all of the things I see such as my Burger and Fries characters, Flowers, Vegetables, Cakes -Yum, clouds, etc...".

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QT6ACrmZR\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QT6ACrmZR_Y)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfr2fvuvSVo&t=6s>







Joe Whale





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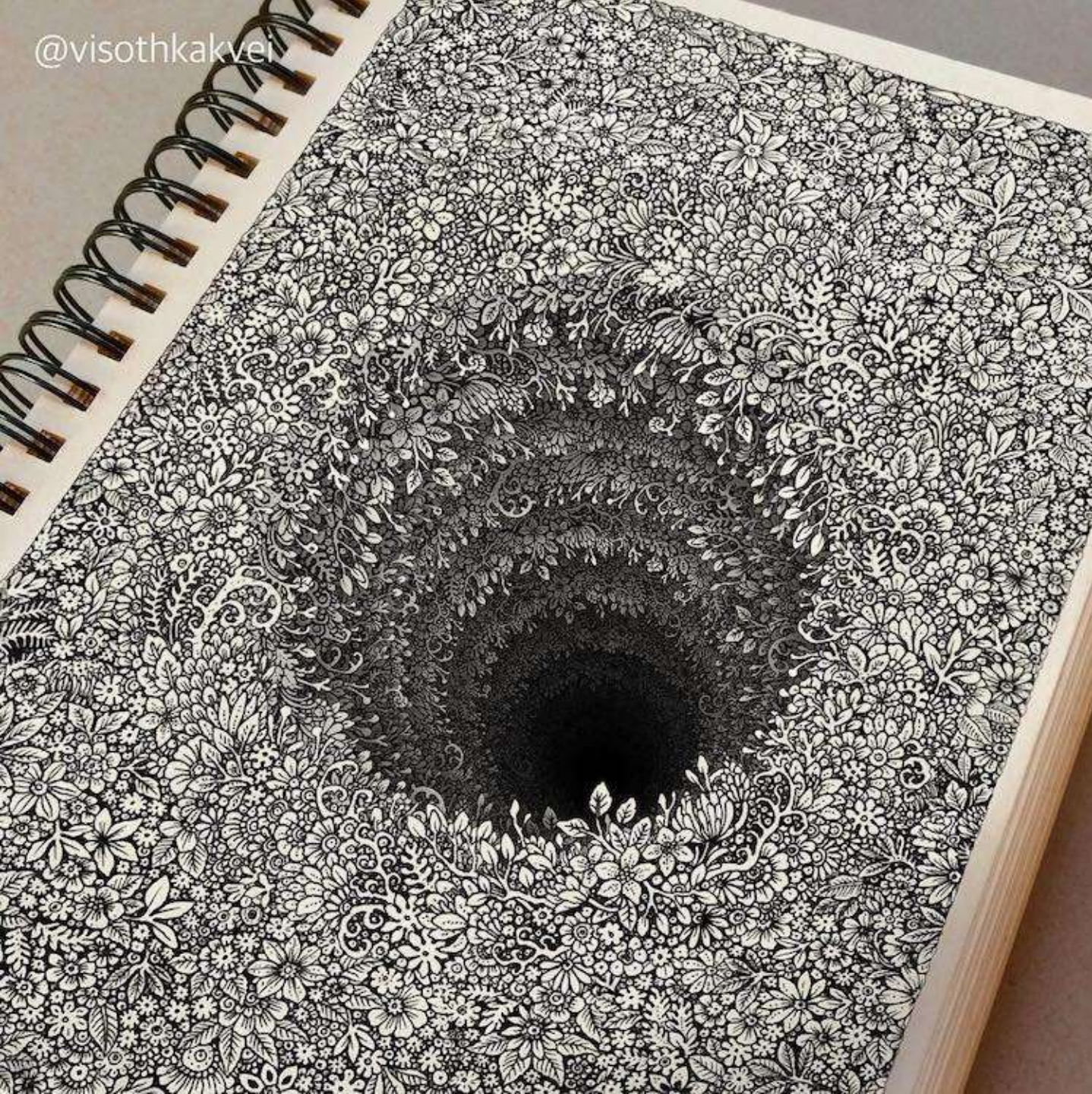


# Visoth Kakvei

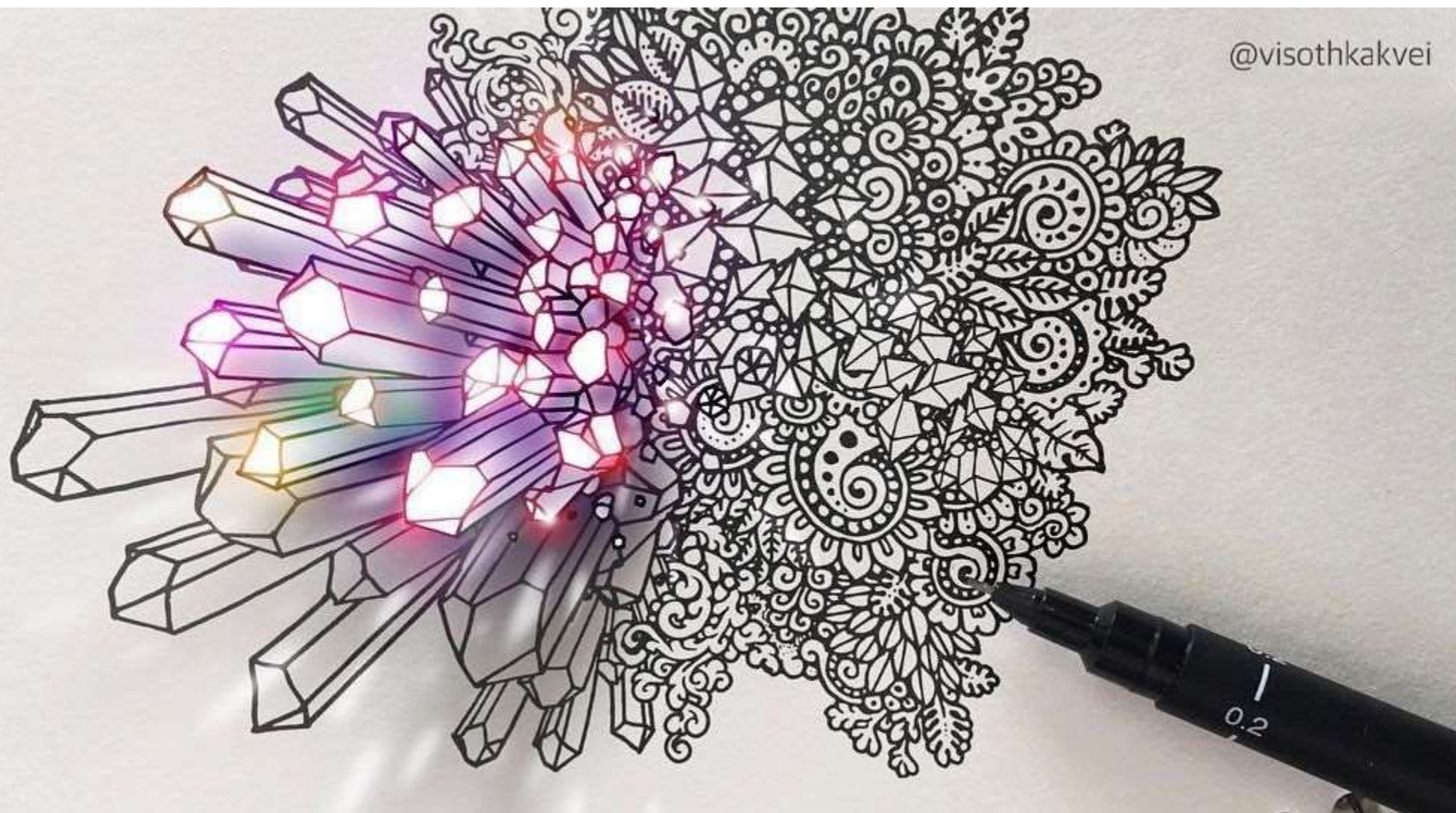
[Visoth Kakvei](#) is a Cambodian graphic designer who specializes in the most intricate hand-drawn doodle art with a real sense of depth. Where he really excels, though, is in taking his artwork and digitally enhancing it, either with bursts of color or by transforming it into solid-looking pieces that seem to be bursting off the page. He never seems to stop creating; you can find hundreds of stunning examples over at his Instagram feed.

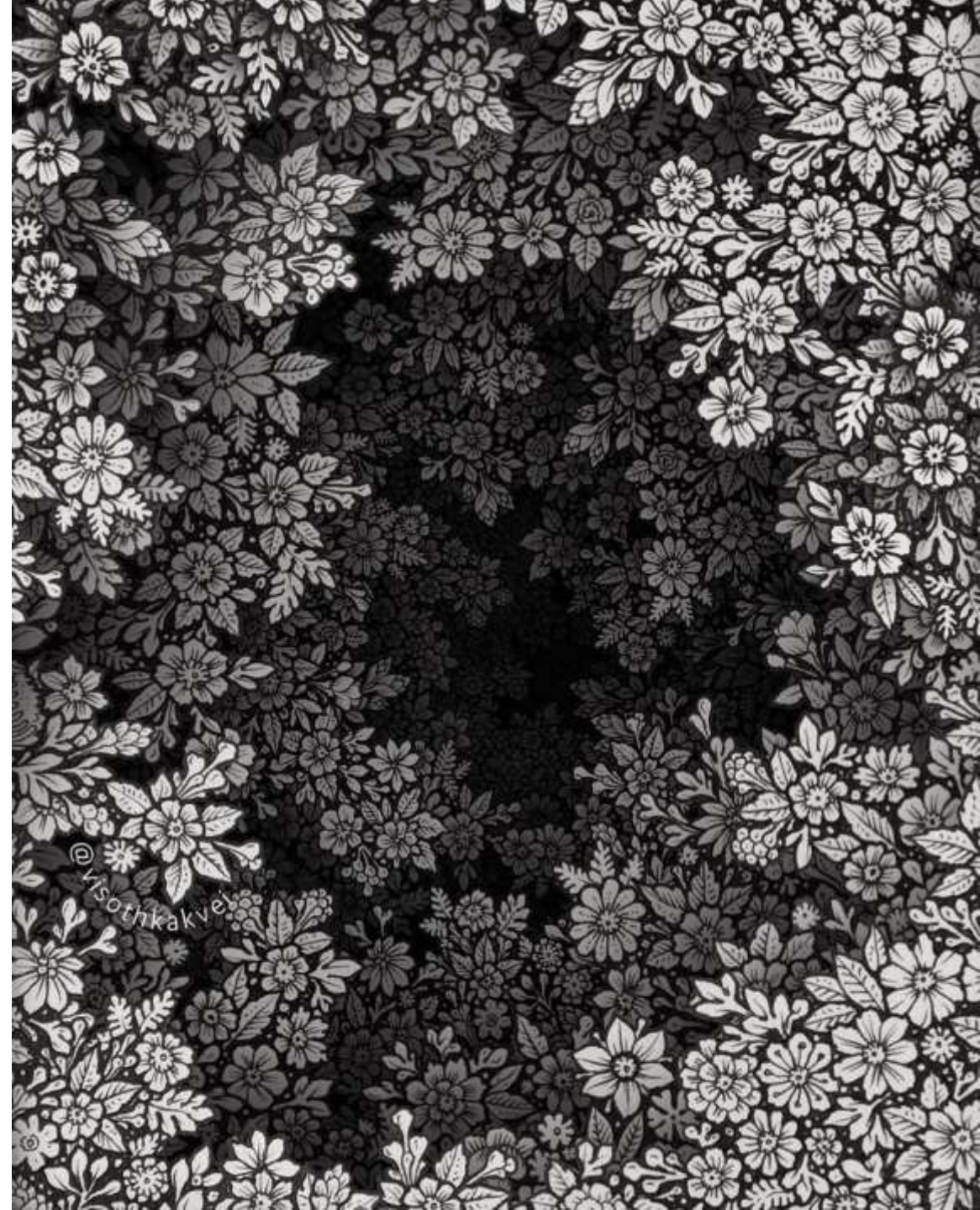
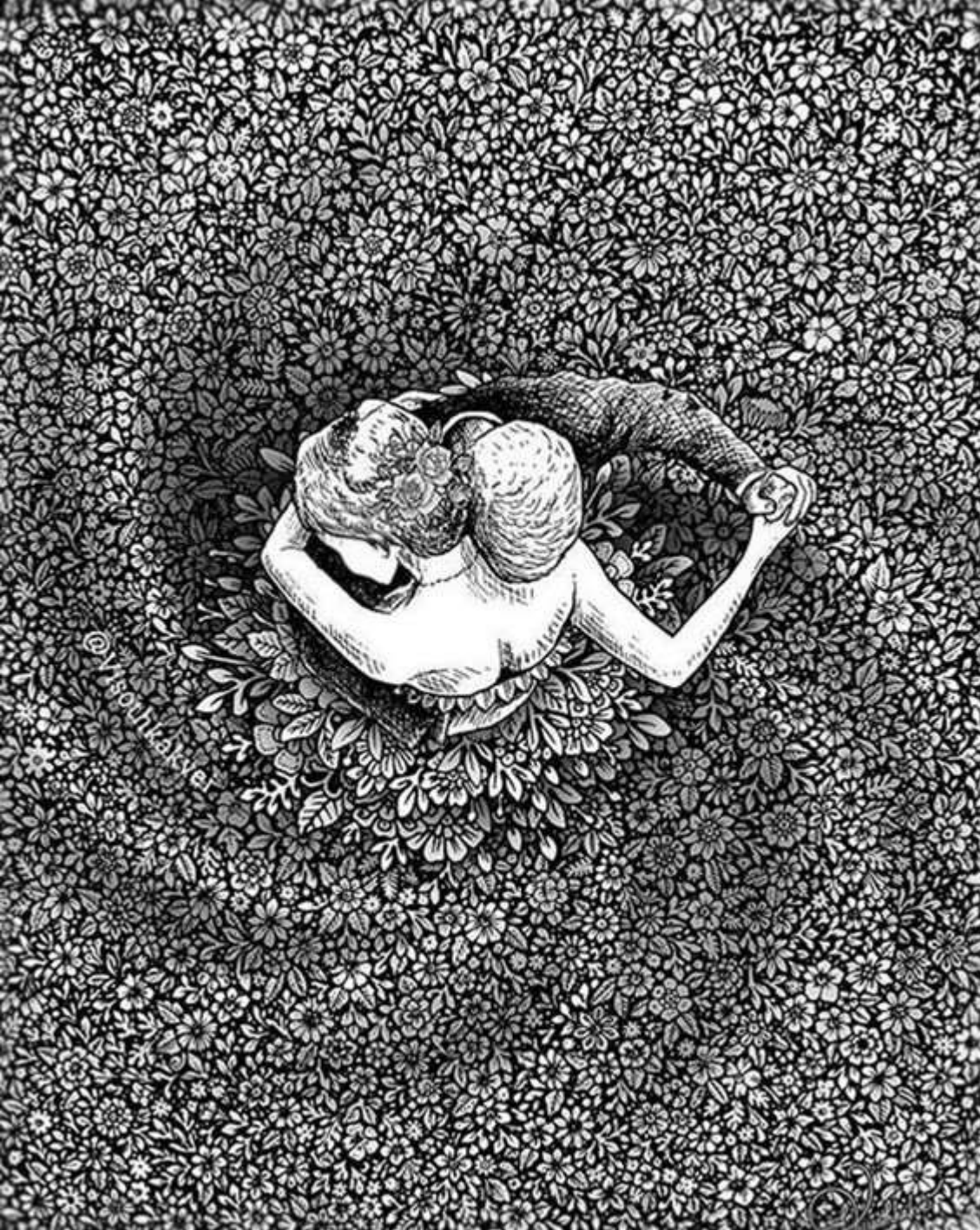
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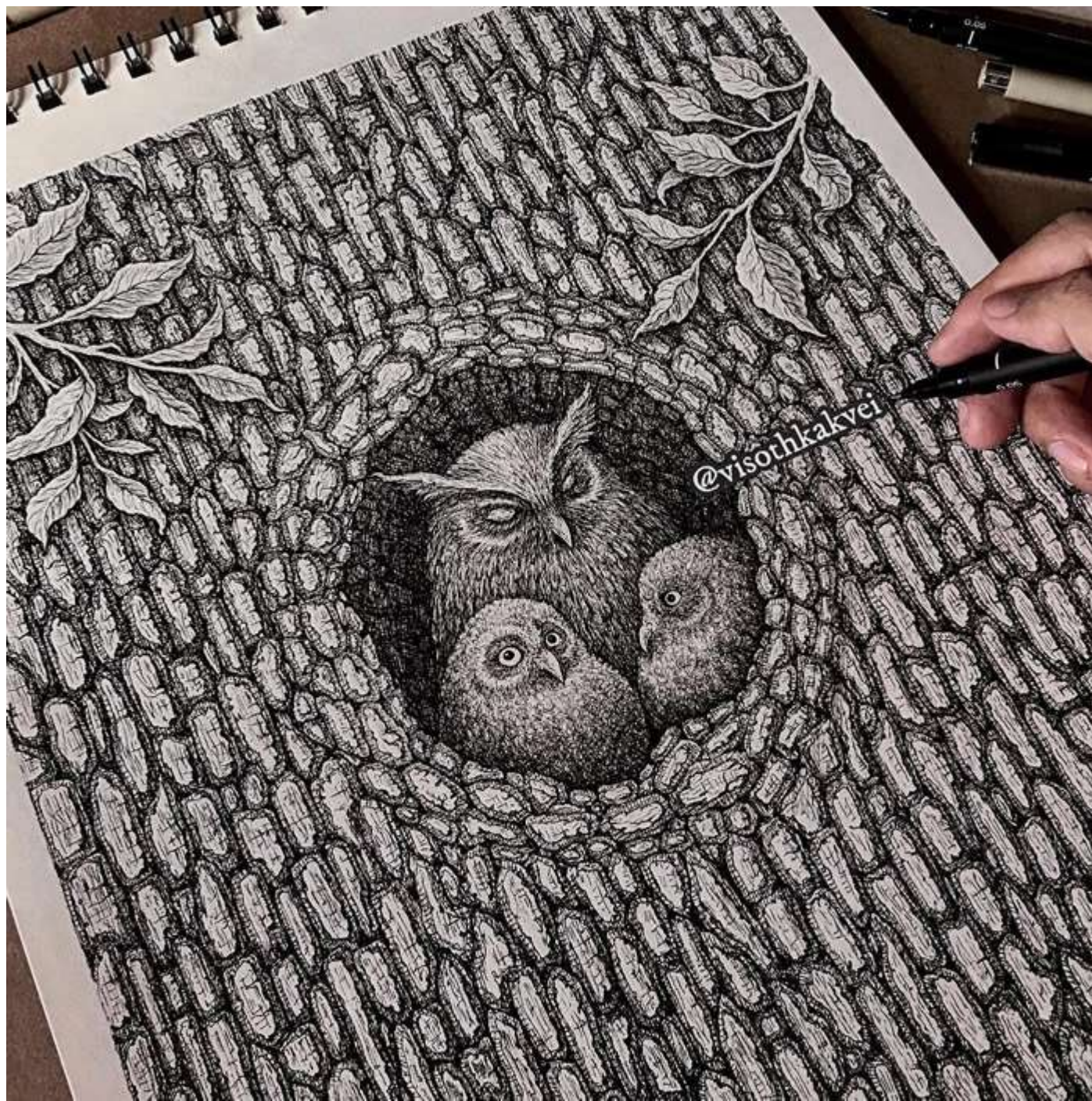




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Breathtaking Doodle Art works by Visothkakvei



# Hattie Stewart

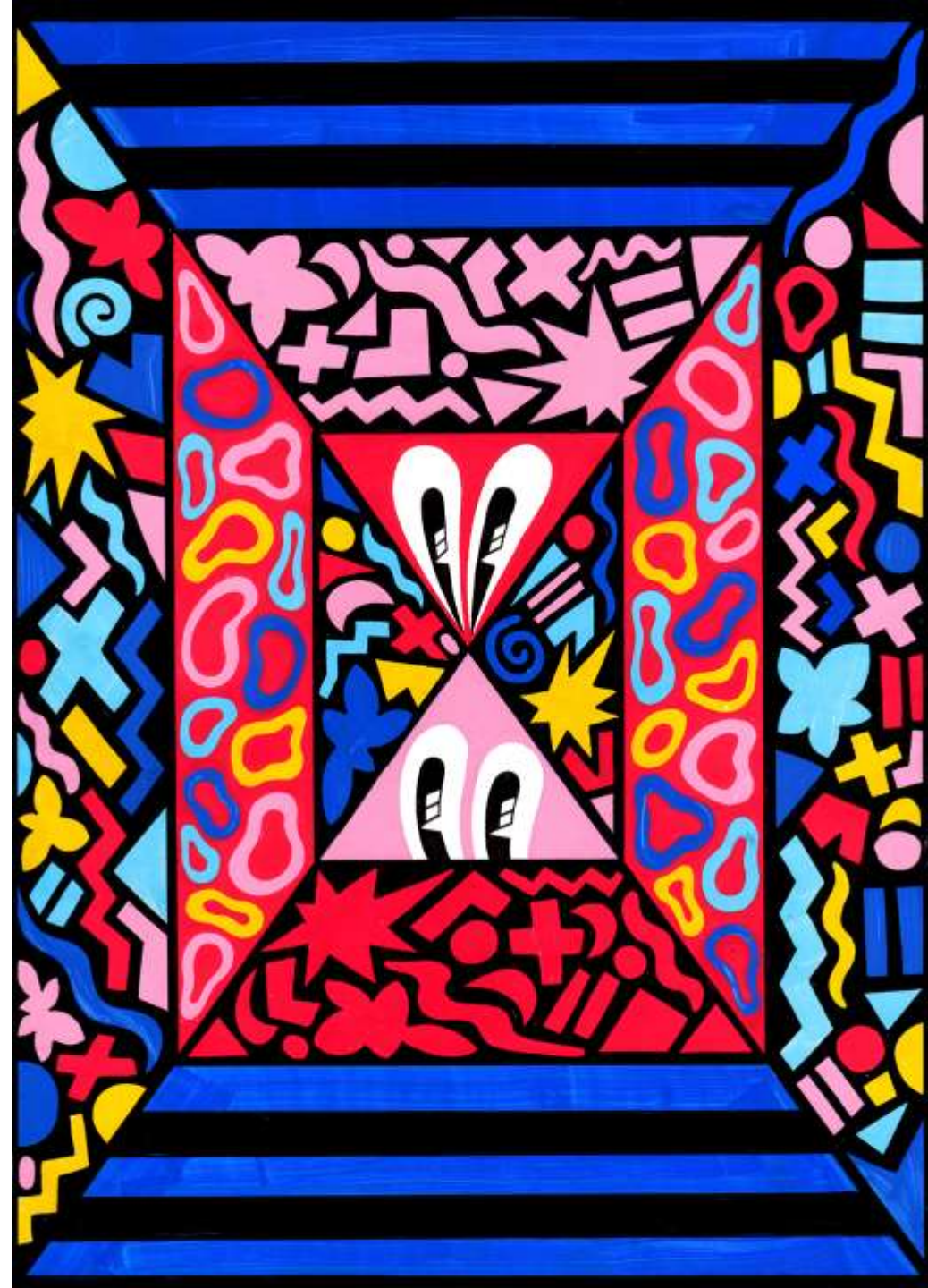
London-based artist and illustrator [Hattie Stewart](#) is the undisputed queen of doodle art. She's famous for her unique graphic style, iconic cover takeovers and client work with – amongst others – Adidas and Apple. The awesome wraparound cover shown above was created for our sister magazine [Computer Arts](#).

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdb\\_h1qyueY&t=30s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdb_h1qyueY&t=30s)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o7xl37ggdM8> (Doodle Bombing)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kGO1pibflm4> (Doodle book)









# Jon Burgerman

[Jon Burgerman](#) is best known for his colorful, fluid and playful creations. This design, entitled 'I stare out of the window', was created for one of the New Art Gallery Walsall's large-scale windows. The brief was to depict the trials and tribulations of being an artist, including creating a concept, playing with ideas, taking a break and checking emails.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXbHnM2B7aE> (use this)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKnvgjhW4j4&t=15s>

