



This is artist Yayoi Kusama, who lives in Japan but displays her work all over the world! She makes lots of different types of art and they are always dotty!

FACTS ABOUT KUSAMA:

1. Kusama lives in a hospital! Making art helps her to feel better.
2. Since she was a child, she always wanted to be an artist.
3. Her family owned a flower farm. Once, when she looked at a field of flowers, she thought that they were talking to her and they looked like lots of dancing dots!
4. As well as making art works, she has designed many things from handbags to lip gloss!
5. Kusama wrapped trees in her dotty fabric to show us how she sees dots everywhere she goes!



Yayoi Kusama's Polka Dot Trees in New York Botanical Gardens

Kusama's Dotty Trees

What you will need:

Twigs or branches
Red wool, or any coloured wool/thread
Sticker dots or white labels (or white paper and glue)
Hole punch
Scissors

We are going to wrap some mini trees using textiles to make dotty trees.
We can use our trees will make a mini landscape of sculptures.

- 1.** Tie a length of thread/wool onto your twig.
- 2.** Wrap the rest of the thread around your twig. Make sure the threads are close together to cover the twig.
- 3.** When you get to the end of the thread, tie it off. You might want to wrap more threads to cover branches on your twig, or more of the trunk.
- 4.** If you haven't got sticker dots, using a hole punch, make lots of white, sticker dots from a sheet of adhesive labels.
- 5.** Stick your dots to the thread.
- 6.** To display your dotty trees, you can place them in a vase, pot or even poke them into a ball of plasticine or clay.

