

HOW TO H-FLASH!

What's H-Flashing & why are people doing it?

An H-Flash is a creative expression of support for the proposed Hundertwasser Wairau Maori Art Centre.

H-Flashing is a gentle but potent way of helping people understand what the Art Centre project can bring to Whangarei. Colour in our city makes people smile, it lifts our spirits, it brings our community together.

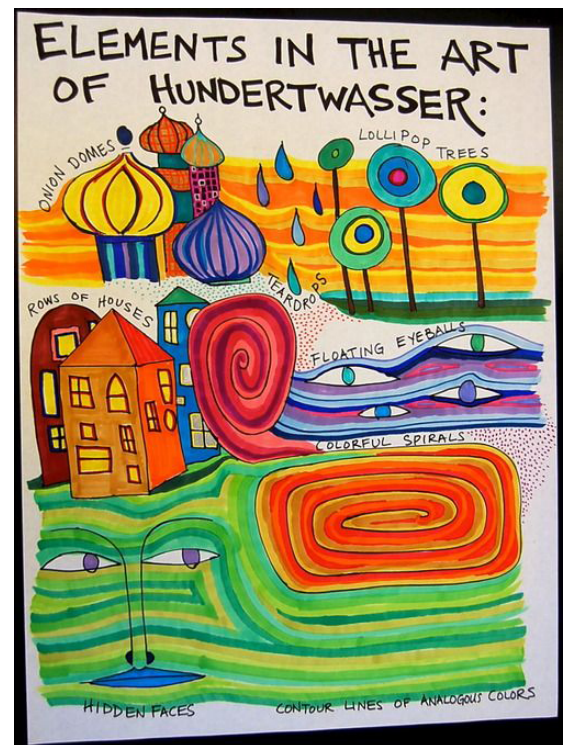
Anyone can create an H-Flash! Big or small, public or private, just get your inner artist on! Here's some tips for getting your H-Flash project underway...

Getting your ideas together

This awesome illustration by Emily Valenza shows the key elements of Hundertwassers art.

The only important element missing are the irregular black & white checks that feature prominently on our building - putting these in your design will give it a distinctive "Hundertwasser Whangarei" look.

Check out the 'Inspired By' gallery on the Whangarei Loves Hundertwasser Facebook page for local inspiration (or let Google be your friend!)



Assembling your materials

1. **Brushes/Sponges.** Arthur's Emporium has good, cheap options. You'll need a different one for each colour.
2. **Paint.** Guthrie Bowron & Dulux are offering a generous 35% discount (\$3.80 for a 250ml pot) on test pots - just print & clip the coupon on this webpage: www.yeswhangarei.co.nz/paint

Hundertwasser colours are very pure & vibrant without being gaudy or garish. We suggest this 'Blackwood Bay Black' + pure white, along with this Dulux palette (or you can chose your own):

Primary colours: **Colombo Street Red**, **Rotorua Yellow**, **George Street Blue**,

Secondary colours: **Morehouse Street Orange**, **Wai O Taiki Bay Green**, **Kawau Island Turquoise**, **Napier Pink**, **Tapuni Purple**.

3. Have a cloth handy for splashes (but you can always go over any spots later when all the paint is dry)

Marking out your piece

Make sure whatever you're painting is clean & dry. Using a felt tip marker in a neutral colour, loosely draw out your design. No rulers! A loose hand will work best & is the Hundertwasser way ☺ If your object is a really dark colour it may be easier to paint the whole thing white to start with.

Get painting!

Wet paint alongside wet colour will lead to bleeding & a messy look, so choose colour to start & complete all the bits in this colour in one go. Don't start the next colour until the adjoining colours are dry. Use small amounts of paint & always wipe off the back of the brush before touching your surface. If you're using sponges, you can pour a bit of paint into the lid & soak the sponge evenly.

When your H-Flash is finished take a photo & email it to yeswhangarei@gmail.com - we'd love to see it!

(Cheat Sheet: if you don't have much time you could simply paint the whole object blue & stick an orange Yes Sticker on it! Easy, quick & effective ☺ Stickers available free for H-Flashes at Hundertwasser HQ, James Street, Central Whangarei.