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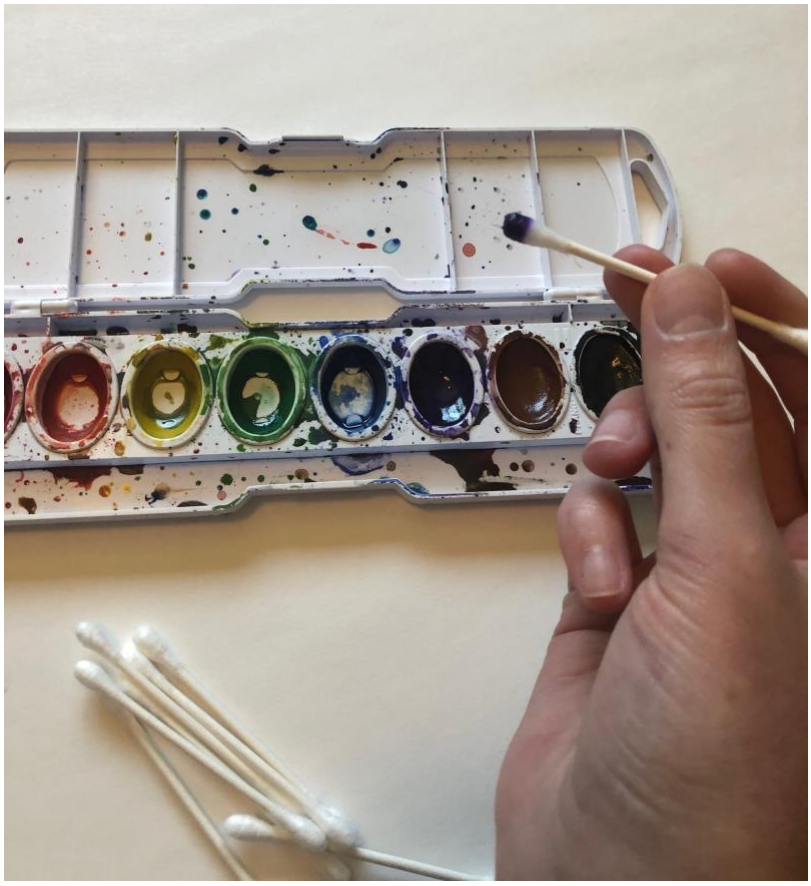
Millefiori Mandala

I don't know about you, but I miss being at the museum. I definitely miss being in The Glass Studio at BMMOG. Glass is my favorite material to work with but it can be tricky in a time like this when we can't be in a glass studio. I find myself going back to other ways of making art while still thinking about glass. Using paint and a Q-tip, I can create a simple mandala that resembles millefiori.

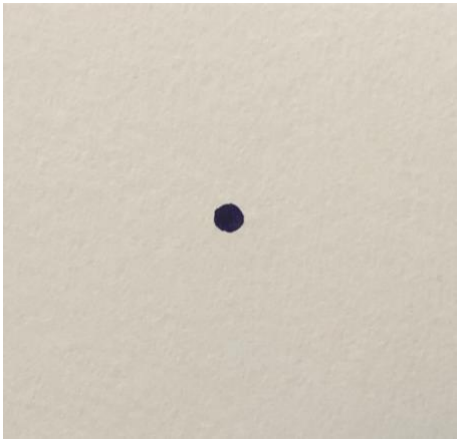
Millefiori is patterned cane that can be used to make patterns in glass art. The word "millefiori" is a term that translates in Italian to "A thousand flowers". Which is appropriate since our collection has over 1,000 millefiori paperweights. Using any kind of paint and a Q-tip, you can make your own millefiori at home!

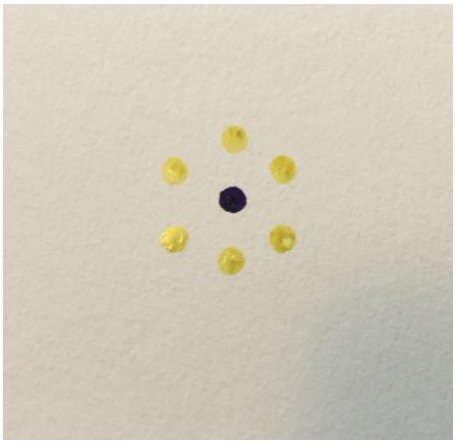
Supplies
-Paint
-Q-tips
-Water
-Paper

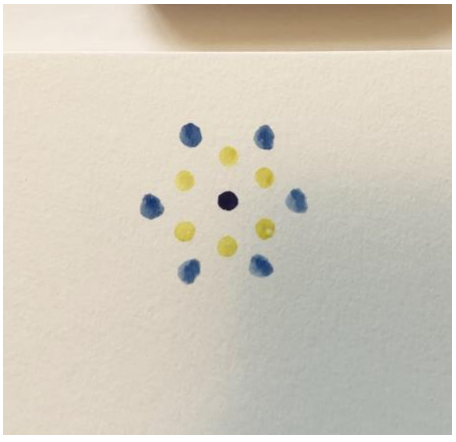
If you’re using acrylic paints, you can use your Q-tip to dip directly into paint. If you’re using water colors, like I did, use some water to wet your Q-tip and rub it into your pallet.

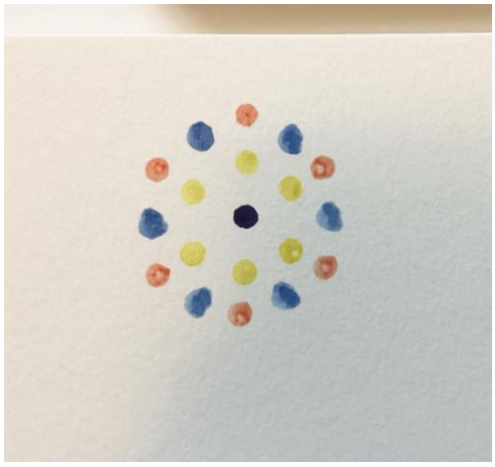


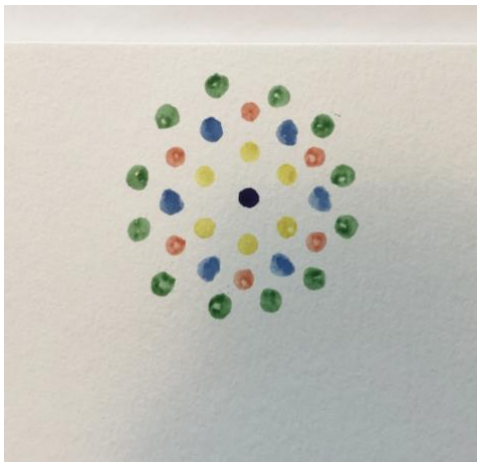
Start using one dot in the center. Then create concentric circles of dots. Concentric circles are circles that all have the same center. They fit inside each other and are the same distance apart all the way around.

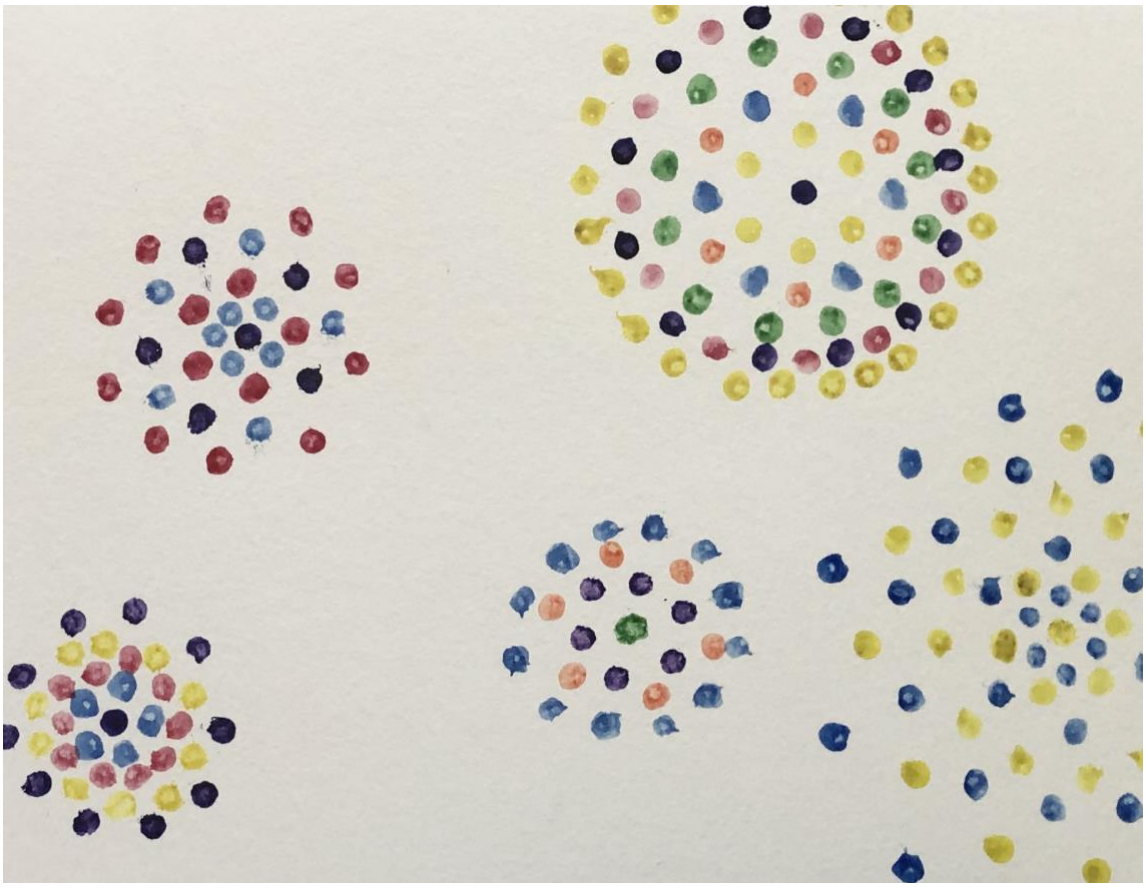












Make it a masterpiece by filling the page. You can make one with one big millefiori or making multiple.

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Have Fun!