

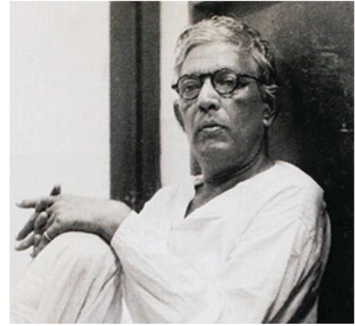
# All About Jamini Roy

**Jamini Roy** (1887-1972) is the father of modern Indian art. In 1908 he graduated from the Government College of Art in Kolkata, British India, trained in the British academic style of painting. He built a successful career as a painter of portraits and impressionist landscapes. But as sentiments of Indian revolution grew, Jamini Roy consciously rejected western artistic style. He unlearned his European academic discipline and looked for a more “Indian” form of artistic expression. He was inspired by the folk art of Bengal. He stopped using European paints in favor of natural mineral and vegetable-based pigments made from alluvial mud, seeds, powdered rock, flowers and indigo. He infused traditional South Asian folk art with his unique modernist style.

Jamini Roy believed ordinary people were more important than governments. During his lifetime, he never sold a painting for more than 350 rupees, approximately 4 dollars. He wanted people, regardless of income, to be able to own fine art. His paintings are now valued in the tens of thousands. Jamini Roy died in 1972 in Kolkata, India. He remains one of the most celebrated Indian artists of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Jamini Roy's Style

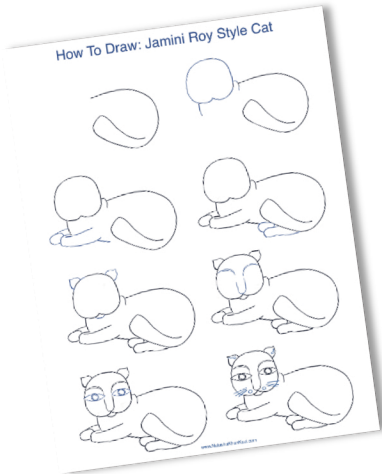
- Modern graphic lines and calligraphic brush strokes
- Discarding nonessential background details
- Folk art inspired colors and patterns
- Flat 2D simplistic forms
- Jamini Roy's subjects often reflected the simple life of the tribal villages of Bengal
- Exaggerated and often floating eyes



# Jamini Roy Art Activity

Let's create a Jamini Roy inspired cat!

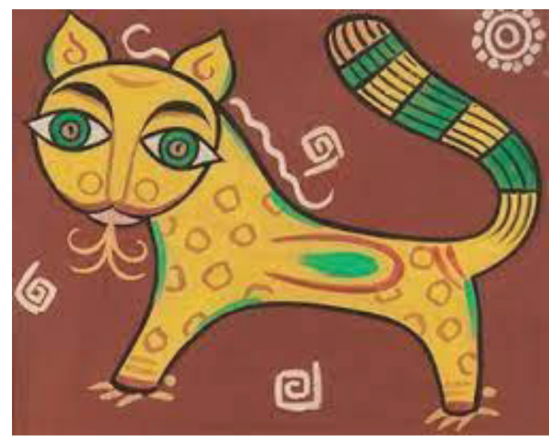
**Step 1:** Follow the steps in the "How To Draw" guide, or use the cat coloring page.



**Step 2:** Color your cat white or yellow.

**Step 3:** Add color to the feet eyes like Jamini Roy.

**Step 4:** Review the motifs and decorative symbols most commonly found in Jamini Roy's work. Decorate your cat!



**Step 5:** Color your background a darker color than the cat, dark red, green, blue, or purple!

**Step 5:** Using white or yellow pastel or crayon, add decorative marks to your background.

# How To Draw: Jamini Roy Style Cat

