



**Henri Matisse**



## Henri Matisse 1869-1954

Henri Matisse was a famous French artist who loved to use bright colours and simple shapes in his artwork. Matisse created beautiful paintings, drawings, and sculptures, but he is best known for his colourful paper cut-outs. When he got older and couldn't paint as easily, he used scissors to cut out shapes from brightly coloured paper and made amazing collages.

### Useful Vocabulary

**Primary Colours:** The three main colours that cannot be made by mixing other colours.

They are red, blue, and yellow.

**Secondary Colours:** Colours made by mixing two primary colours.

For example, mixing red and blue makes purple.

**Shade:** A colour made by adding black to it.

**Tone:** A colour made by adding white or grey to it.

**Light:** When a colour is made lighter by adding white.

**Dark:** When a colour is made darker by adding black.

**Complementary Colours:** Colours that are opposite each other on the colour wheel and look good together.

**Collage:** A picture made by sticking different materials like paper, fabric, or photographs onto a surface



