

DAVID HOCKNEY

**“I’m a Yorkshireman
who loves colour.”**

– David Hockney



WHO WAS DAVID HOCKNEY?

**Born 9 July 1937 in Bradford,
Yorkshire; died 2026. Studied
at Bradford School of Art and
the Royal College of Art;
associated with British Pop Art
but worked across many styles.**



A Bigger Splash, 1967
Oil on canvas

WHAT DID HE MAKE?

**Paintings, drawings,
prints,
photography/photo
collages, stage designs
and digital drawings.**



Garrowby Hill, Yorkshire, 1998
Oil on canvas



Road in the Wolds, 2011
iPad drawing

LOOK OUT FOR:

- ✓ **Very bright colour**
- ✓ **Unusual viewpoints**
- ✓ **Strong shapes and lines**
- ✓ **Reflections and water**
- ✓ **Everyday people and places**
- ✓ **Landscapes made more
colourful than real life**

FUN FACTS:

- ★ **Decided to be an
artist at about age 11.**
- ★ **Moved to Los Angeles in the
1960s, famous for swimming-pool
pictures.**
- ★ **Created photo collages
called ‘joiners’.**
- ★ **Used new technology like fax
machines, cameras, iPhone and
iPad.**
- ★ **Returned to Yorkshire
in 2004 and paints
there every day.**

TRY IT YOURSELF!



**Create a simple landscape
using bold shapes and
bright colors. Look at
where things are from a
different angle—higher
up, closer in, or looking
down. Make it as
colourful as you like!**

Hockney Colour Challenge!



**Hockney loved seeing surprising colours in
everyday places. Go outside and look closely—can
you find: **pink** in the **shadows?** **lavender** in the
road? **turquoise** in a puddle? **orange** in a flower?
Collect swatches or make tiny sketches
of the unexpected colours you discover!**



“The sun isn’t yellow, it’s blazing orange.” – David Hockney