

Dalí Dreamscapes with Salvador Dalí



Persistence of Memory Salvador Dalí 1931

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Look, read and learn about Surrealist artist Salvador Dalí, then by combining magazine cut-outs with drawing & painting, create your own unexpected dreamscape!

SALVADOR DALÍ

1904-1985

Salvador Dalí the 'Man with the Moustache' belonged to a group of artists called the Surrealists. The Surrealists were a group which started in the 1920s. So how many years ago was that? They began as a movement to find the 'Truth in the World' using the subconscious mind and dreams, rather than logical thought.

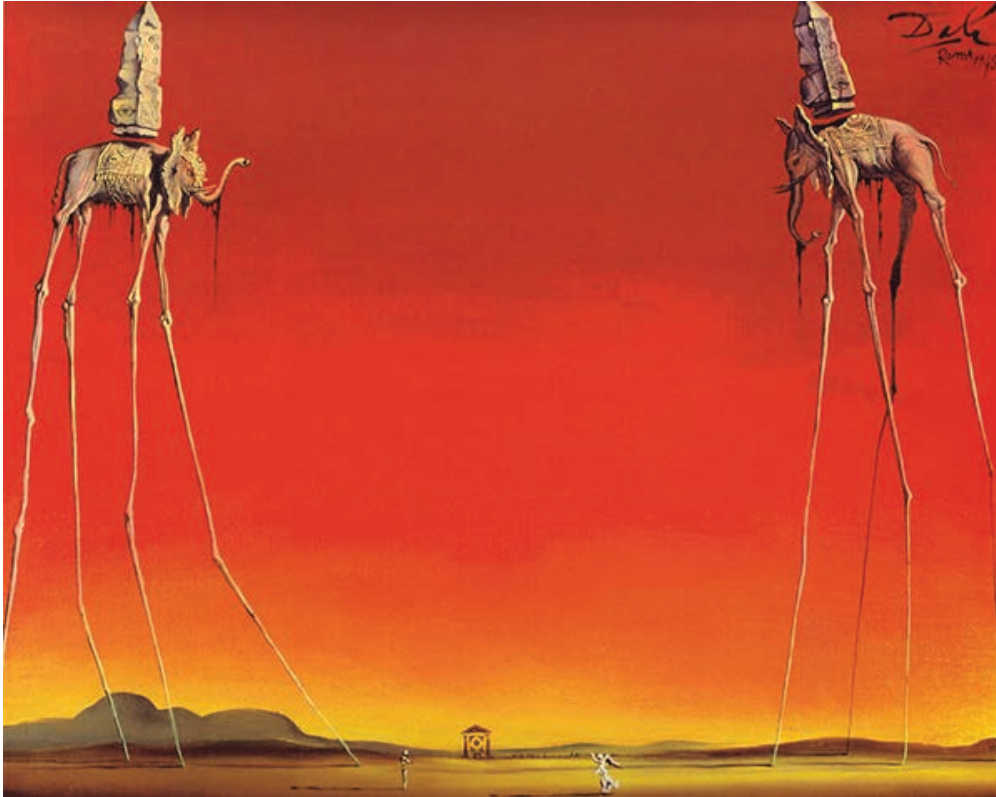
The [dictionary](#) explains that the subconscious is the part of your mind which operates without awareness, over which you do not have any control. The part of your mind that creates your dreams is an example of your **subconscious**.

Salvador Dalí, the best known Surrealist, was born in Spain then later lived in America. He called his paintings "hand painted dream photographs".

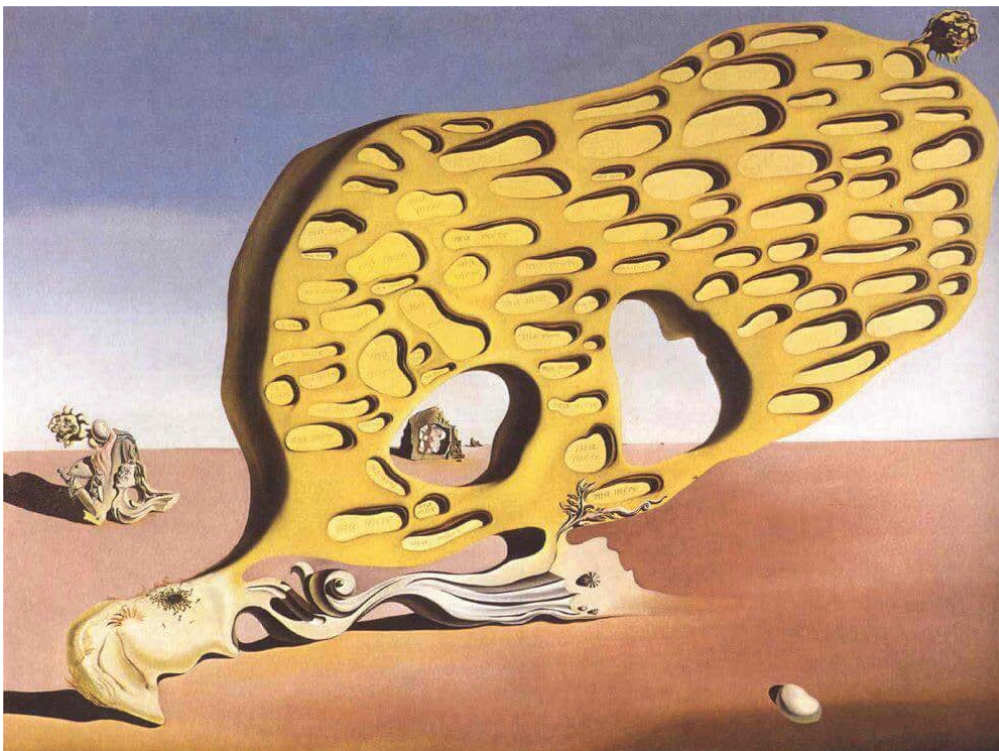
His pictures have strange and unreal combinations of objects and figures. As well as being a painter, he was also a jewellery designer, sculptor and even produced some motion pictures.



Look at some of Dalí's paintings:



Elephants
Salvador Dalí
1948



Enigma of Desire
Salvador Dalí
1929



Modern Rhapsody
Salvador Dalí
1957



Sleep Painting
Salvador Dalí
1937

LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

The Persistence of Memory, 1931

This painting from 1931 is one of Dalí's most famous. In the background he has painted the cliffs from where he came from in Spain. In the foreground there are strange melting clocks, which some suggest represent both melting cheese and melting time.

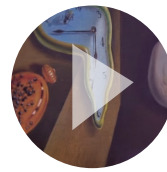
- Do the watches tell the same time?
- What is crawling over one of the watches?

The things Dalí have painted look very real, but the combination of things together looks very

unreal and impossible - like dreams!

Dalí was a keen reader who was very interested in science and psychological theories.

LEARN MORE



WATCH:

SALVADOR DALÍ AT THE MoMA

A MoMa expert shares the full story of this iconic work (7mins).



LET'S CREATE!

Using cut-outs from magazines, paint and pencils - it's time to create your own surreal Dalí-style dreamscape. Don't forget your imagination!



MATERIALS

You will need:

- Magazines, newspapers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pens, pencils, crayons
- Paint and brushes
- Paper or board

Celestial Ride
Salvador Dalí
1957

PROCESS

STEP 1

Preparation

After reading the biography and looking at the image examples on the previous pages, discover more Dalí images online.

You may want to also watch a couple of these kid-friendly clips from YouTube!

Just click on the image to open a browser.
Parents make sure this step is supervised!



Salvador Dalí in 60 Seconds

Presented by the Royal Academy of Arts (1 min)



Dreams of Dalí

Amazing 360° walk through a Dali-like landscape (5:10)



What is Surrealism?

Presented by Tate museum's Kids educational programme (2:26)

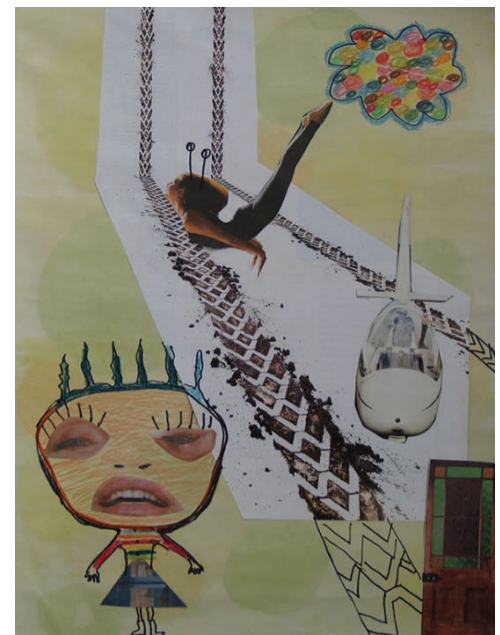
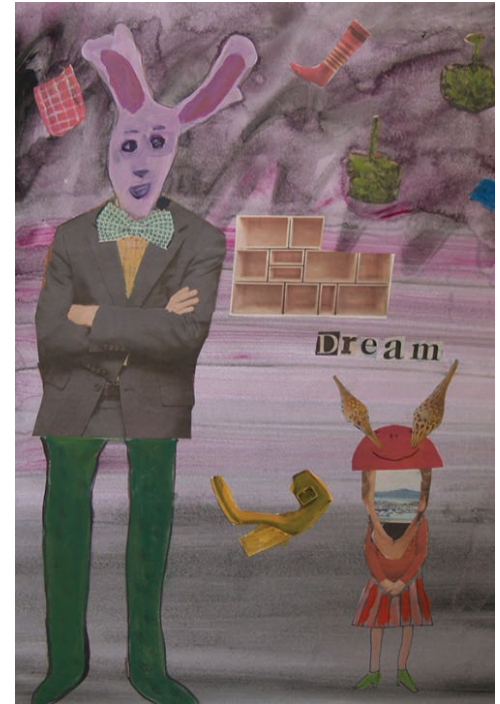
STEP 2

1. Get one or two pieces of paper or card. Create a simple wash background with paint and water, or lightly shade with crayon or pencil. **Use just one or two colours for this step.**
2. When you've finished your background (or while your paint is drying), cut out lots of random images from your newspapers and magazines. Choose random objects in a variety of sizes. **Tip: choose your images quickly to let the subconscious do its thing (automatism).** This should be a fun thing for everyone to get involved with. Parents may need to help smaller children with cutting.
3. When you have collected enough images you can begin the fun process of drawing with collage. When the paint is dry, arrange your images in an unusual way by placing unexpected items together (juxtapose). Be playful and let your imagination go wild! Once you're happy - stick them down with glue.
4. **Tip: Don't plan too much - let your picture evolve.** By placing your images in an unrealistic way, your pictures will take on a dream like appearance and help reveal your subconscious and imagination.
5. As well as your magazine images, you can add drawn or painted elements to your dreamscape. Try using a variety different mediums - paints, pencil, pen etc.
6. Keep adding more images and drawn elements until you are satisfied with your surprising and unexpected dreamscape!

HAVE FUN! ... and once you're done, start why not start another one!

NEED INSPIRATION?

Have a look at these fun results from other Northart students:



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