



## Mark Rothko

**Project:** Mark Rothko is from the Abstract Expressionist period, he created wonderful block color paintings.

**Process:** This is a simple painting and the boxes can be any size as long as they sit on top of each other like bricks. With your paper or canvas held vertically draw two to three rectangles. Color the rectangles and background with a solid color. Chose your colors carefully, Rothko was known for his intense colors and how they worked off each other, see the paintings of Rothko as a reference. If you use acrylics you may want to allow it to dry and add pastel over the paint smudging the borders with your fingers. If using just pastels you want to smudge the edges to soften and blend. Work as large as you wish and have fun.

**Materials:** Our project can be done on paper or canvas using acrylics or pastels.