

# Henri Matisse

(1869-1954)

Henri Matisse was born  
in France in 1869.

He is very famous for using  
bold colours. He is very well  
known for his paintings  
which used lots of rich, bright  
colours.





At the age of 72, Matisse became very ill and was confined to a wheelchair. He could no longer paint so he turned to making collages with a technique that he called **“painting with scissors”**.

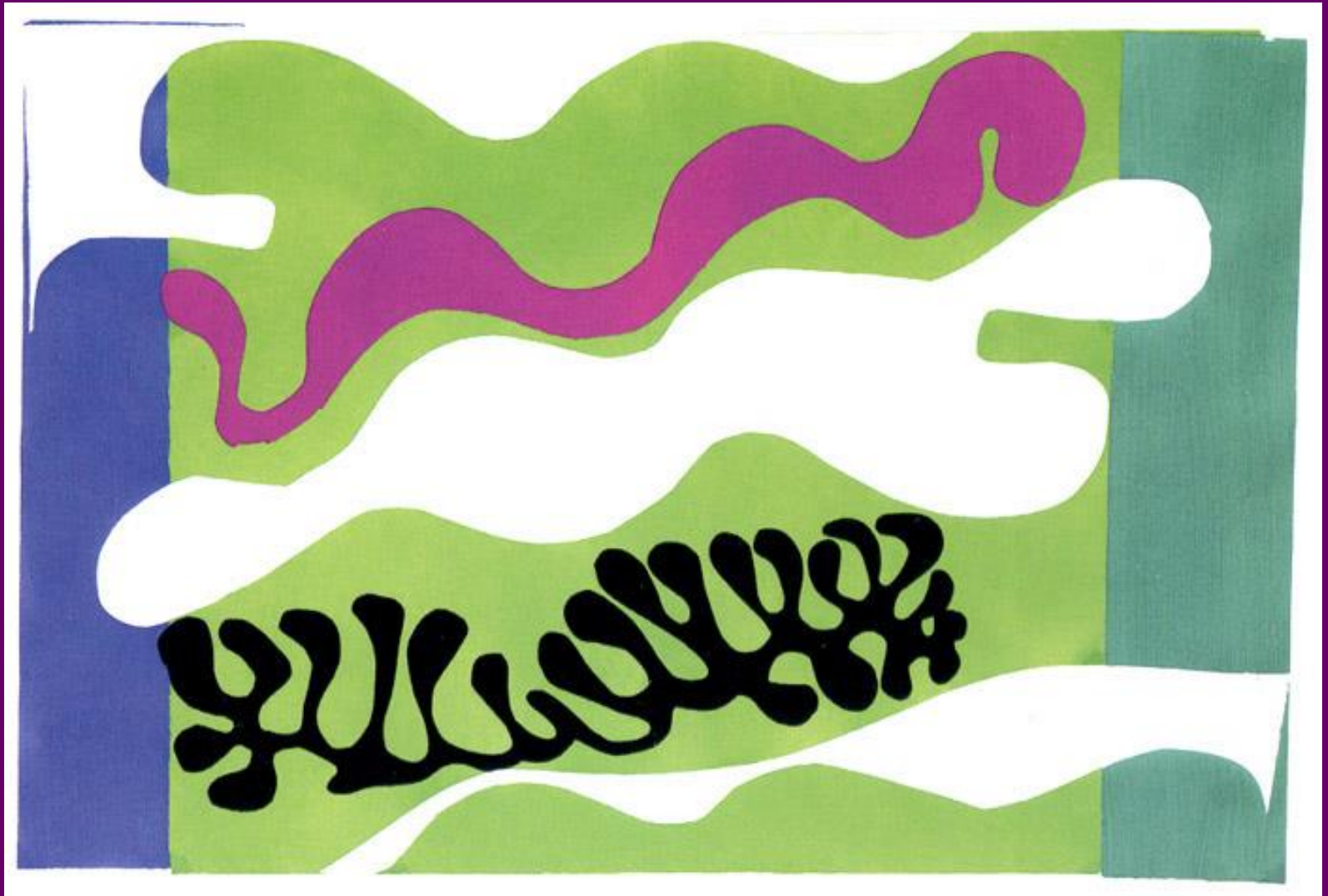
He would cut and tear pieces of brightly coloured paper without drawing any shapes first. The shapes he cut out were then arranged onto large sheets of white paper and stuck down.



Matisse's collages were often quite large.

This one is nearly 3m square!

The Snail, 1953



Lagoon, 1944



Anfitrite, 1947



Polinesia, The Sky, 1947



Panel with mask, 1947



The Eschimo, 1947

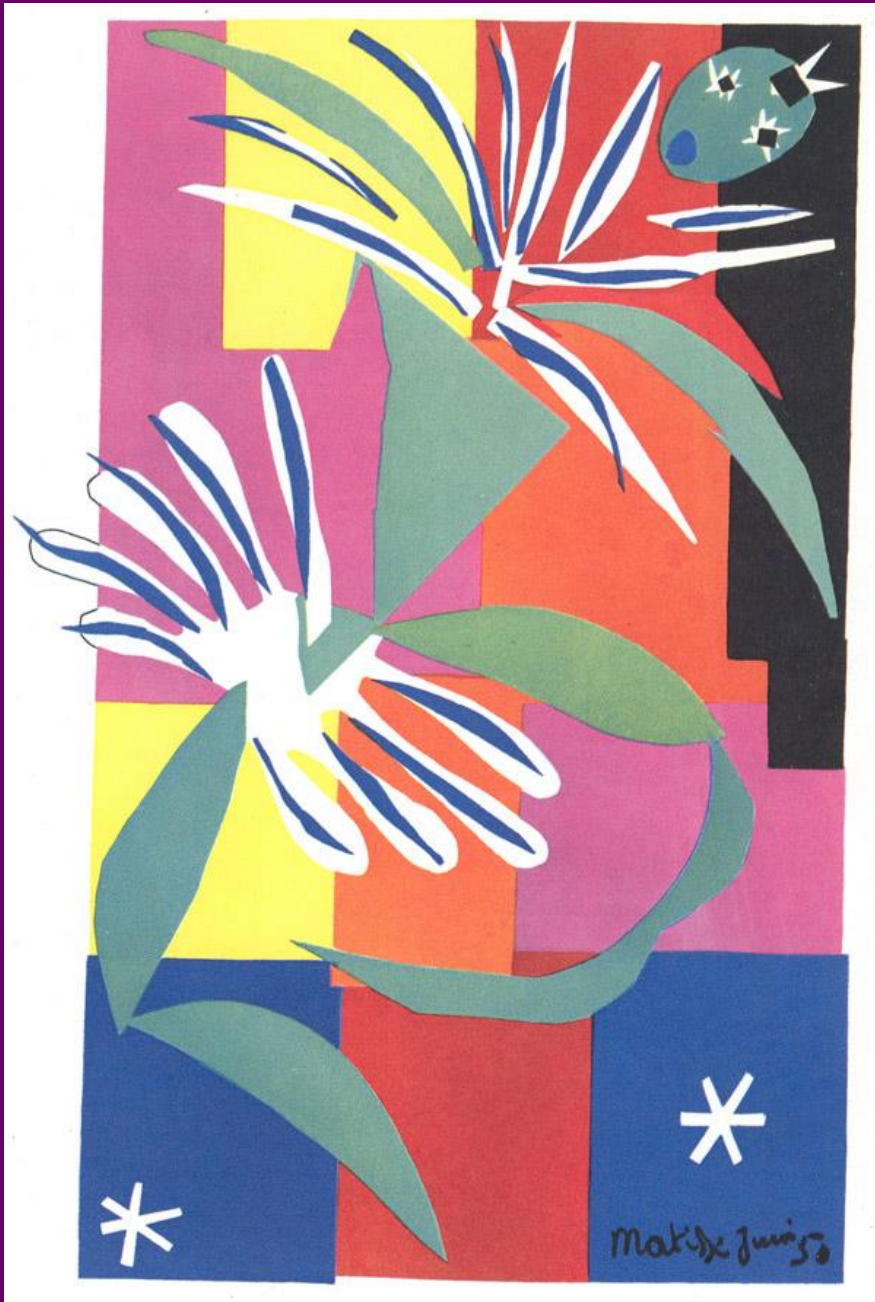


La Perruche et la sirène, 1952



*Les Bêtes de la mer...*  
H. Matisse 50

The Beasts of the Sea, 1950



The Creole Dancer, 1950



La Gerbe, 1953

# Your activity:

## You will need:

- A range of brightly coloured paper and /or tissue paper
- A large sheet of plain white paper, such as A3 paper (to use as your canvas)

## Equipment:

- Scissors
- Glue



## Instructions

1. Use your large sheet of plain white paper as your canvas.
2. Cut large and bold coral reef shapes from different coloured paper or tissue paper.
3. Layer and overlap these shapes onto your canvas so that they make a bright coral reef scene.
4. Next, cut out shapes of sea creatures, such as fish, starfish and octopuses.
5. Position these shapes amongst the coral reef shapes on your canvas.
6. When you are happy with your under the sea picture, use glue to stick your shapes in place.