

# POINTILLISM



WITH A FEATURED WORK FROM "ART OF THE STATE 2020"



Mia Rosenthal, an artist from Connecticut, makes her home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. While at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Mia planned to become a painter but became interested in creating art with ink on paper. For this drawing, Mia was inspired by a Google image search for the artist Frederic Edwin Church.

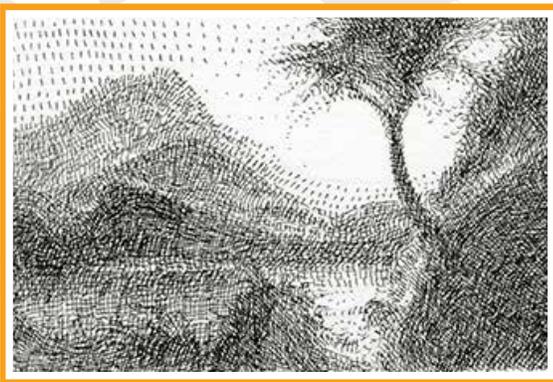
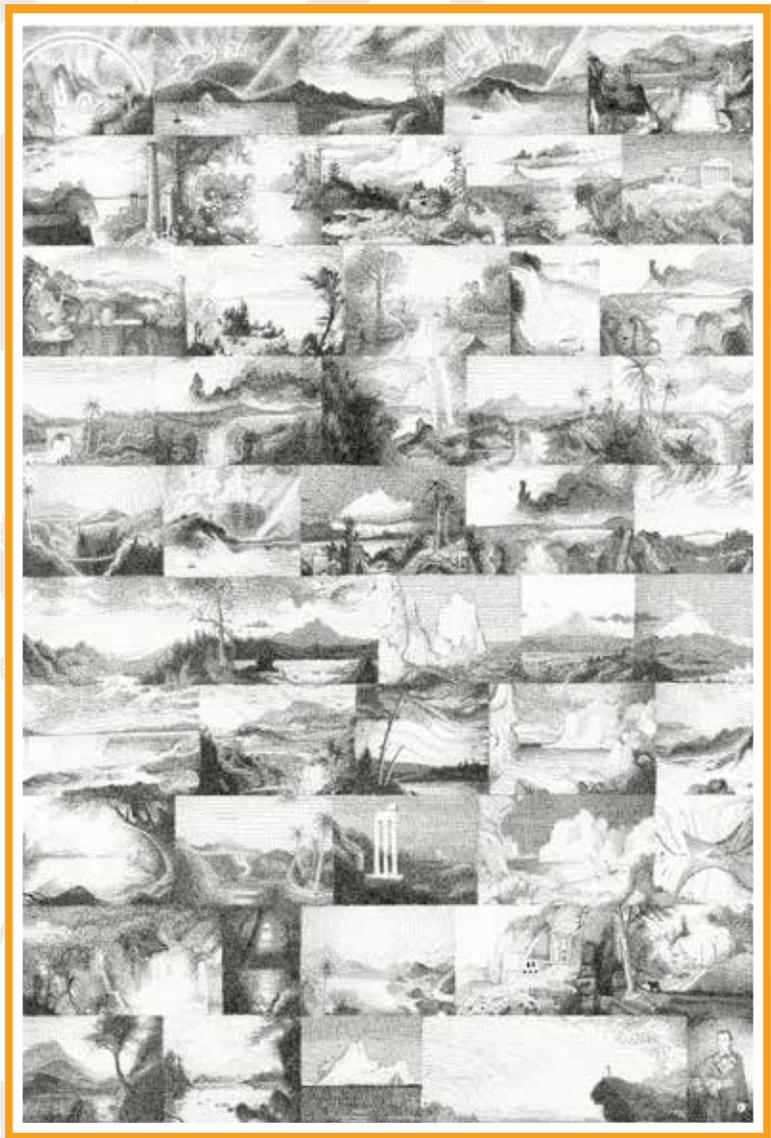


Image: Detail view of left corner by Mia Rosenthal

To learn more about Mia Rosenthal's artwork, check out: [www.miaonpaper.com](http://www.miaonpaper.com)



## In her words:

"Often one of the first things I do when I hear about an artist is Google Image search him or her. Even for well-known artists whose work I'm familiar with, it can be quite satisfying to look at so many of their works all at once. It is seductive to scroll through so many images, getting a snapshot of the artist's entire career. The volume of artworks, all within a single field of vision, is wildly different from how images are viewed either in a gallery, museum, book or publication.

I used as reference the first 10 rows of search results for "Frederic Edwin Church," but removed all borders and spacing so the images are tiled. My drawings are usually built from an accumulation of marks, and the process of building, adding and layering feels like an authentic way to make a drawing. It is like making a thing using atoms or cells or particles or pixels, small pieces gathered together to make a whole. This is a totally additive process, with nothing covered over or erased."

- Mia Rosenthal

# Mia's Inspiration

Mia used the artwork of Frederic Edwin Church (1826-1900) as the inspiration for her art. Frederic Edwin Church was from Hartford, Connecticut. He was part of the Hudson River School of American landscape painters and is known for large landscape paintings that featured mountains, waterfalls, and sunsets.

To discover more of Church's work, check out...  
[www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/chur/hd\\_chur.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/chur/hd_chur.htm)



Image: Cotopaxi II, 1862 by Frederic Edwin Church  
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Image: Tropical Scenery, 1873 by Frederic Edwin Church • Brooklyn Museum /  
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# Pointillism Technique

Pointillism is a technique that uses small dots to create areas of color that together form a pattern or picture. Georges-Pierre Seurat (1859-1891) was a French artist best known for painting using Pointillism. One of his most famous works is *A Sunday on La Grande Jatte*. Just as Church's artwork inspired Mia to create her art, this painting by Seurat inspired another famous Pennsylvania artist, Stephen Sondheim, to create the Broadway musical *Sunday in the Park with George*.

To discover more of Seurat's artwork, check out...

[www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/seni/hd\\_seni.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/seni/hd_seni.htm)



Image: Close-up of Circus Sideshow (Parade de Cirque) by Georges Seurat (1889)  
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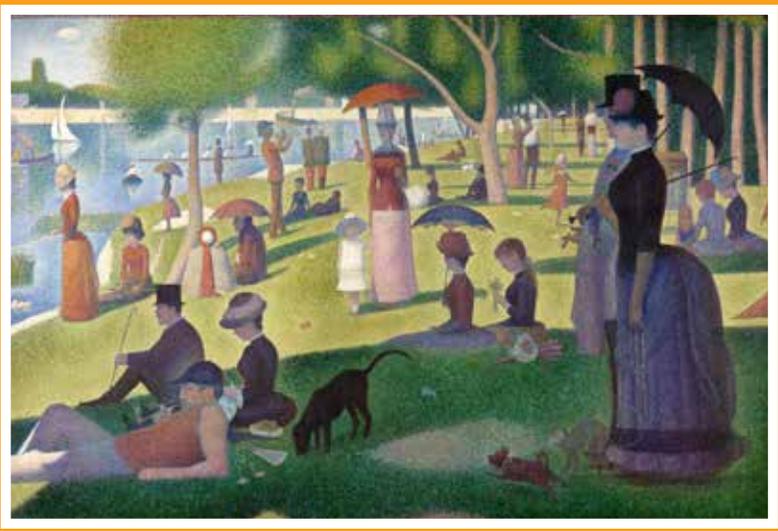


Image: A Sunday on La Grande Jatte (Un dimanche après-midi à l'île de la Grande Jatte) by George Seurat (1884-1886)  
Art Institute of Chicago / Chicago, IL  
[www.artic.edu/artists/40810/georges-seurat](http://www.artic.edu/artists/40810/georges-seurat)  
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# Give Pointillism A Try

Pointillism is a simple technique to try. You will need some paper, a set of markers, and a bit of inspiration. Mia used the artwork of Frederic E. Church to create her artwork, but you can use anything that interests you. A flower, a pet, a sporting team...a magical dragon! Use your imagination.

Just remember...only use dots to create the image.



My inspiration!

## Extra Challenge

Mia uses dots from an ink pen on paper to create her art. Try using a felt stamp pad and some new pencils with erasers to create your art. Pick up some ink from the pad using the eraser of the pencil and start stamping your image!

