

European Masters

Albrecht Durer

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Born: 21 May 1471

Died: 6 April 1528

Style: Northern Renaissance

Dürer was a well renowned German artist of the Renaissance Period. He was a painter, engraver, mathematician and printmaker.

He painted altars, religious works and portraits but he was also known for his highly detailed etching and printmaking skills.

Dürer also wrote a series of books about geometry, perspective and proportions.



*Self Portrait, by Durer, 1498. Oil painting on wooden panel.
Dimensions: 52 cm x 41 cm (20.47 X 16.14 in)
Museo del Prado, Madrid, Spain*

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Young Hare ('Feldhase' Field Hare)

Date Completed: 1502

Medium: Watercolour and gouache (body colour) on a cream wash.

Dimensions: 25.1 cm × 22.6 cm (9.88 in × 8.90 in)

Location: The Albertina Museum in Vienna, Austria

Albrecht Dürer used many layers of fine detailed strokes to create this realistic painting of a hare.

He signed his work using his unique mark that included the initials of his name:

for Albrecht Dürer

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Adoration of the Trinity

Completed: 1511

Medium: Oil on panel

Dimensions: 135 cm X 123.4 cm (53.15 X 48.58 in)

Located: Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria



Dürer made this altar piece for Matthaus Landauer who founded a home for old craftsman who had fallen on hard times. It was housed in the Chapel of All Saints, attached to the home.

Dürer painted the images on a wooden panel and he also carved the stand on which the altar piece stands. The altar piece now resides in the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria.

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Portrait Of A Clergyman

Completed: 1516

Medium: Oil on panel

Dimensions: 52.4 x 42.2 cm (20.63 X 16.61 in)

Located: National Gallery of Art, Washington DC, USA



The identity of the clergyman is uncertain, but is believed to be Johann Dorsch, the first protestant minister of Schwabach, near Nuremberg, Germany.

Can you spot Dürer's signature on this painting?

What are your initials? Experiment with clever ways of presenting your initials as an identifying mark for your future artworks.