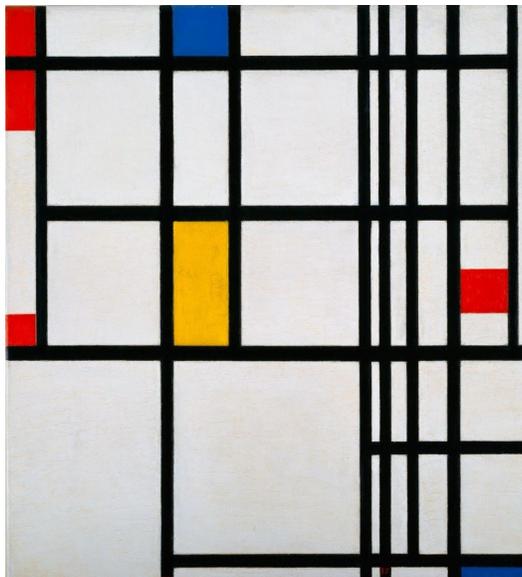


Piet Mondrian

1872-1944



Piet Mondrain was a Dutch painter best known for his post-1920 works, in which he developed the style of Neo-plasticism after moving away from Symbolism, Impressionism, Neo-Impressionism, and Cubism. Neo-plasticism denotes Mondrian's most famous style of painting, involving a black grid and blocks of primary colors. Mondrian's goal was to reduce natural shapes to the essentials: vertical and horizontal lines, primary colors, and black and white, in order to discover the essence of form and achieve the union of art and life. He dreamed that his vision of art would transcend cultural divisions and become an international language



Mondrian was the first artist to create art out of only pure lines and color. He was often seen as the founder of modern art even within his lifetime.

“Shopping, I passed yesterday Second Avenue and saw the moon so nice in the still blue sky. *All* was in that. But all was also *mixed up*. So I felt again that men must come to be conscious of so much.”

-Piet Mondrian

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