

# Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night 1889

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Starry night was created using a painting technique with thick paint called impasto.

According to Author Patrick Frank Starry night is "a powerful symbolic image" that suggest powerful cosmic forces in the sky and the small scale of the town suggest its importance over human life.

Van Gogh created Starry night using Oil Paints on a canvas

Van Gogh's art was done during impressionism

Van Gogh did not become famous  
For his art works until after his  
death

Van Gogh committed suicide at  
Age 37.

During his life time Van Gogh was  
Only able to sell one of his paintings.

Van Gogh viewed his art as a way to  
communicate with people.

Within a 10yr period Van Gogh was  
Able to create over 2000 paintings.



Symbolism is also  
represented by the height  
of the churches steeple  
suggest its closeness  
to a higher being.

Starry Night is one  
of the most well known  
Painting in modern  
culture

Starry night is also one  
Of the most commonly  
replicated pieces of art.

Van Gogh suffered from a mental illness (most likely bipolar disorder)

Van Gogh also suffered from horrific seizures that at times became rather debilitating

One aspect of this painting that always seems to catch my interest and amazement is the mystical way the stars swirl into the sky as if it was painted straight out of a dream.

I also really enjoy the symbolic way that the trees and the churches steeple stretch up into the sky reaching closer to "heaven" than anything else in this painting