

# Peter Thorpe



## About the Rocket Paintings:

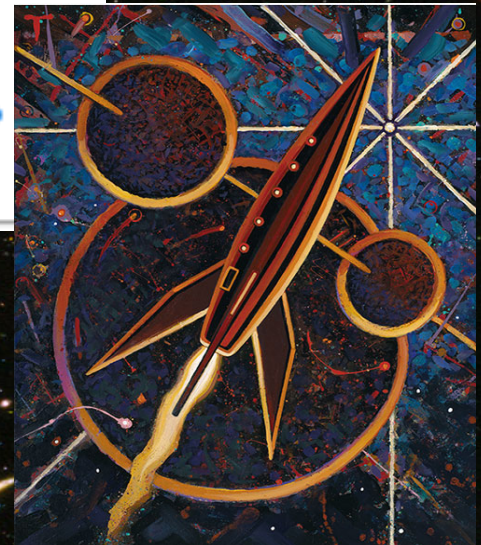
"I started the rocket paintings in the 1980s as a way to use paint that I would have otherwise thrown away. After each commercial job I did, there would be a pallet half full of paint left over and it pained me to toss it, but the next painting required a new pallet. It finally occurred to me that I could easily paint an abstract background on a blank board or canvas with the left over paint.

"But, what should I do with the abstracts?"

"I started to do figures, landscapes, and, as a long time space fan, rockets and planets on top of the backgrounds. Some of the figures and landscapes got noticed. But everyone loved the rockets.

"I have a life long love of space exploration, space science and science fiction, in that order. I've worked for years with pro-space groups as a graphic designer, and suddenly they were asking to buy my 'fine art' rocket paintings.

"People have liked the rocket paintings, so I continue to do them. Thank you to everyone who has supported them!"



# What is abstract art?

A painting or sculpture that does not represent a person, place or thing in the natural world.





Powered Orbit



Mars Landing



Standing Ready



Rocket #25



Rocket Race



Rocket #35



Rocket #17



Rocket #51



Space Art in the style of Peter Thorpe,

LO: To be able to paint a space themed picture in the style of artist Peter Thorpe, using an abstract art background and space feature in the foreground.



Name of artist:

Style of art they paint:

Equipment they use:

Their interests are:

Theme of paintings:

For my abstract background I will use...

Colours:

Equipment:

Technique:

For my space feature foreground I will...

Paint a \_\_\_\_\_

Using the colours \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

It will feature (where) \_\_\_\_\_ in my painting.

My painting will be portrait / landscape. |

Draw a simple plan of your painting below, labelling the different features and materials you will use.

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