

Artist

Full Name	Magdalena Carmen Frida Kahlo y Calderon
Born Died	6 th July 1907 in Mexico City, Mexico 13 th July 1954 in Mexico City, Mexico
Education	When Frida was 6 years old, she contracted polio. She was left with a right leg that was shorter and thinner than her left leg. She spent many months recovering, that it delayed her starting school. Her father home-schooled her and taught her a lot about photography. In 1922, she was accepted to the National Preparatory School at a time when they were only just allowing females in Frida had dreams to become a doctor.
Art Movement	Surrealism, Magic realism. Frida derived much of her later works on Mexican folk-lore. The style she developed mixed reality with surrealistic elements and often depicted pain and death.
Interesting fact	Frida Kahlo was involved in a serious accident on 17th September 1925 which left her bedridden. It was during this time she started painting, using a special easel that allowed her paint while laying in bed. Freda mainly painted portraits of herself and family.

One of Frida Kahlo's most famous work is **Self-Portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird** (1940)



"I paint self-portraits because I am so often alone, because I am the person I know best"

Technical skills

- Experiment with showing line, tone and texture using different hardness of pencils.
- Use shading to show light and shadow effects.
- Use a range of paint (acrylic, oil paints, watercolours) to visually add interest and depth to your work.
- Create a colour palette, demonstrating mixing skills.
- Use key vocabulary to show knowledge and understanding.

Key Vocabulary

Surrealism	Founded in 1924. Images explored the subconscious areas of the mind. The artwork often makes little sense as it usually tries to depict a dream or random thoughts.
Palette	A range of colours mixed by the artist. Also means a board where the paint colours are mixed.
Portrait	A drawing or picture of a person or people.
Self Portrait	A painting or drawing that the artist makes of himself/herself.
Painter	An artist who paints pictures.

