



STREET ART

A photograph of a narrow alleyway with a wall covered in colorful, abstract graffiti. The graffiti features various shapes, swirls, and patterns in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. The alleyway is paved with light-colored stones, and there are some plants and a staircase visible in the background.

Street Art: Art or Vandalism?

Is street art an acceptable form of art? Does it ruin the beauty of the city?



Street Art: Art or Vandalism?

The answer is: It depends.

“Tagging” other people’s property is wrong, but some commissioned street art is usually welcome.

Tagging or Territorial Graffiti

Tagging is a form of graffiti that involves writing a type of signature or symbol in different places as a territorial marking.

It is generally done on someone else's property.



Graffiti and graffito are from the Italian word *graffiato* ("scratched"). "Graffiti" is applied in art history to works of art produced by scratching a design into a surface. A related term is "graffito," which involves scratching through one layer of pigment to reveal another beneath it. This technique was primarily used by potters who would glaze their wares and then scratch a design into it. In ancient times graffiti was carved on walls with a sharp object, although sometimes chalk or coal were used.

The earliest forms of graffiti date back to prehistoric cave paintings and early churches.



Ancient graffiti:
Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Jerusalem

Graffiti in Barcelona, Spain



"TAG"



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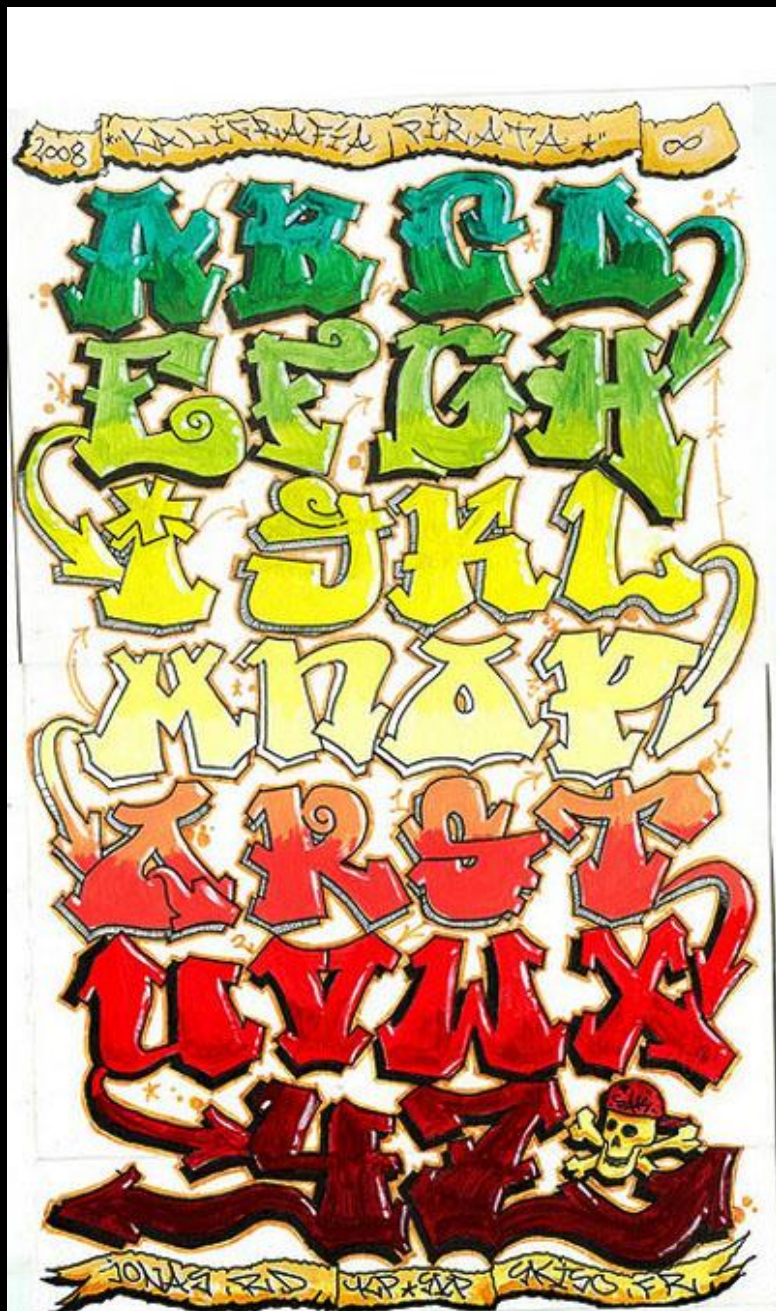
Political Graffiti



Pictorial graffiti in Tehran, Iran

Commissioned mural around a construction site.























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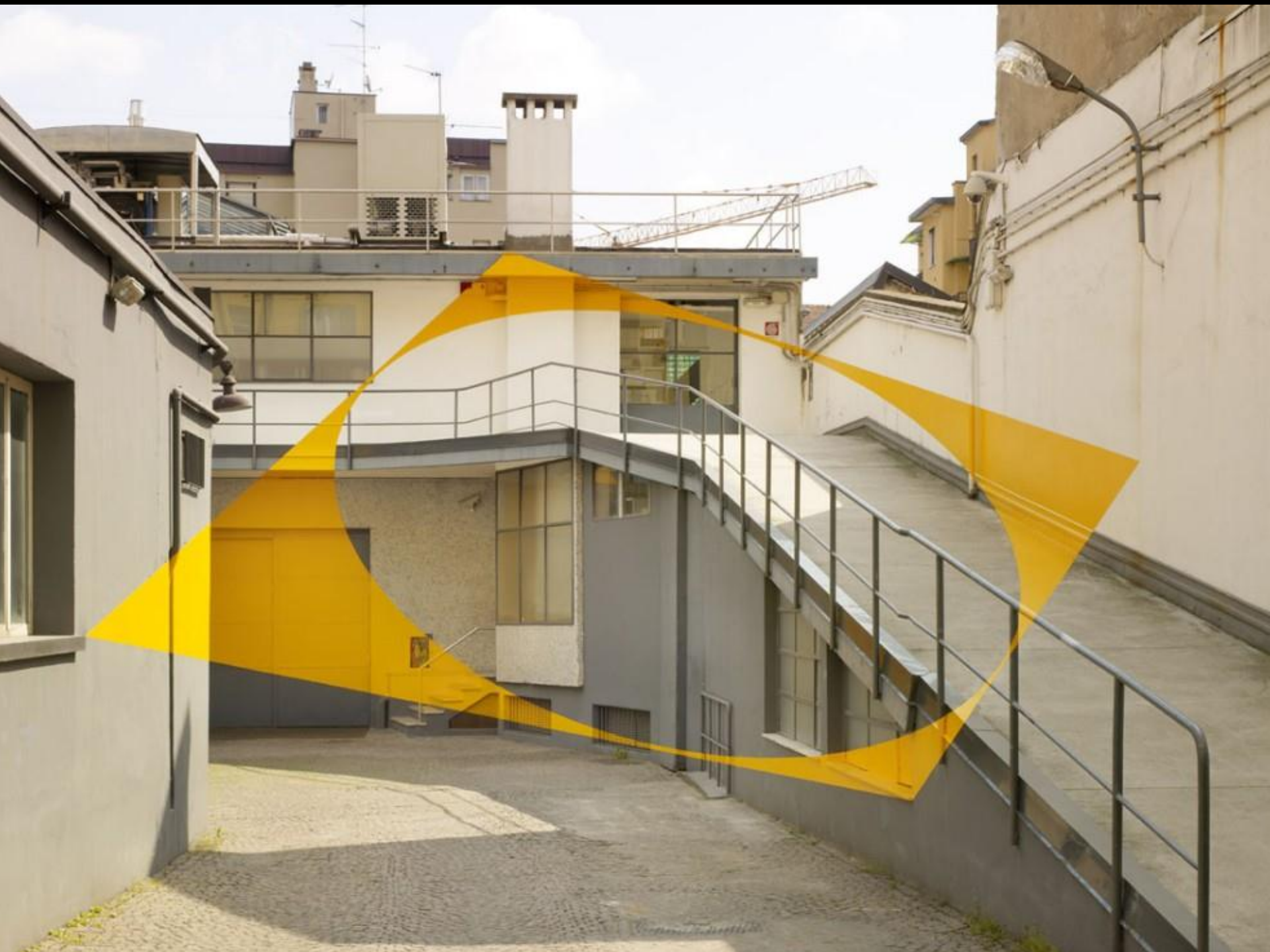


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Graffiti Evolution



Make thick characters so you have lots of space for coloring.



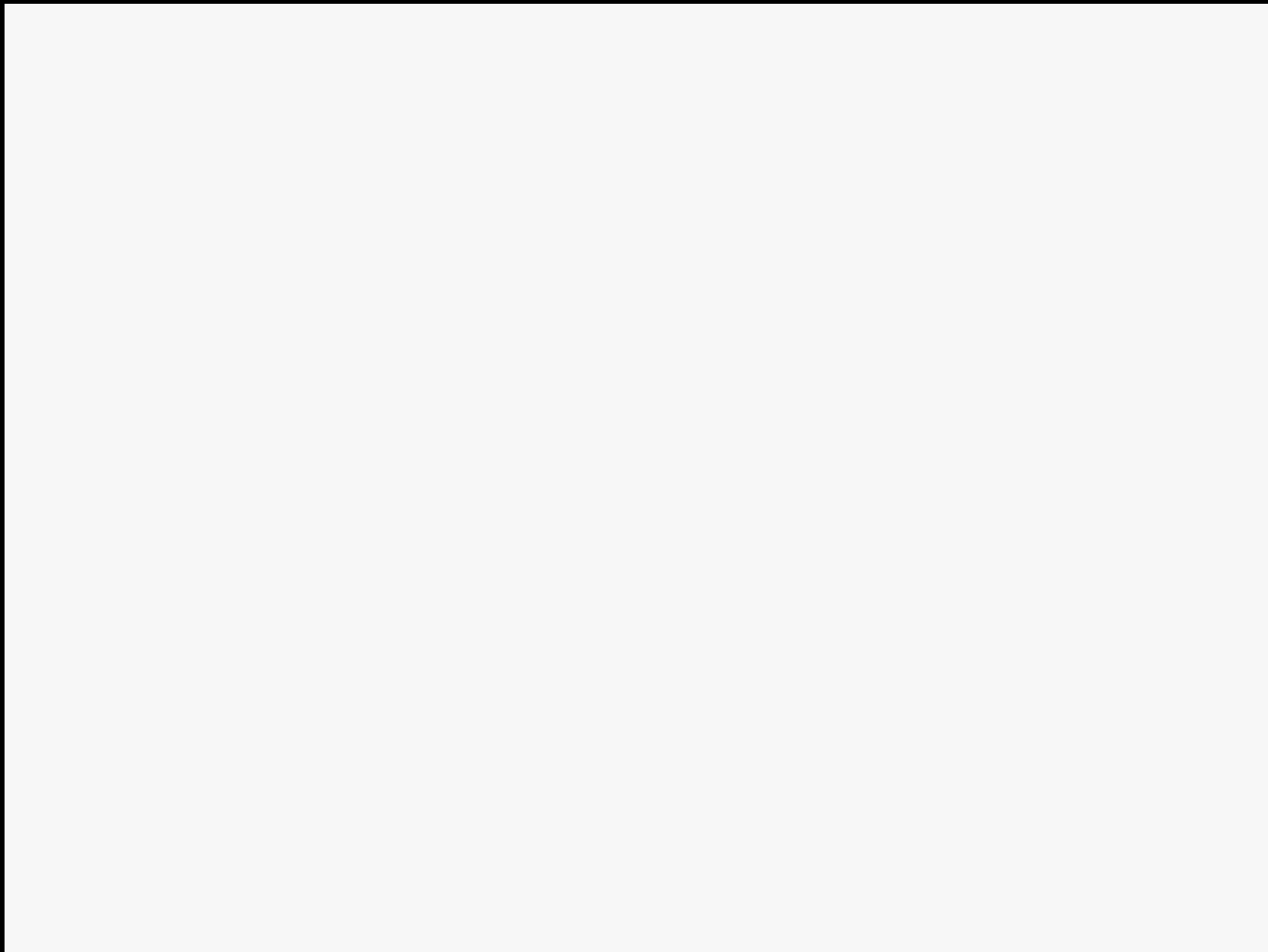
Overlap your characters and outline them.



Two colors are almost always better than one color.
This is a key to cool graffiti.



A shadow can make your graffiti pop right off the page.



Websites:

<http://roadsworth.com/home/art/work/outdoor/>

<http://www.boredpanda.com/creative-street-art/>

<http://www.videojug.com/film/how-to-draw-graffiti-names>