

StoriesWithArt: **Warli-fy your city!**

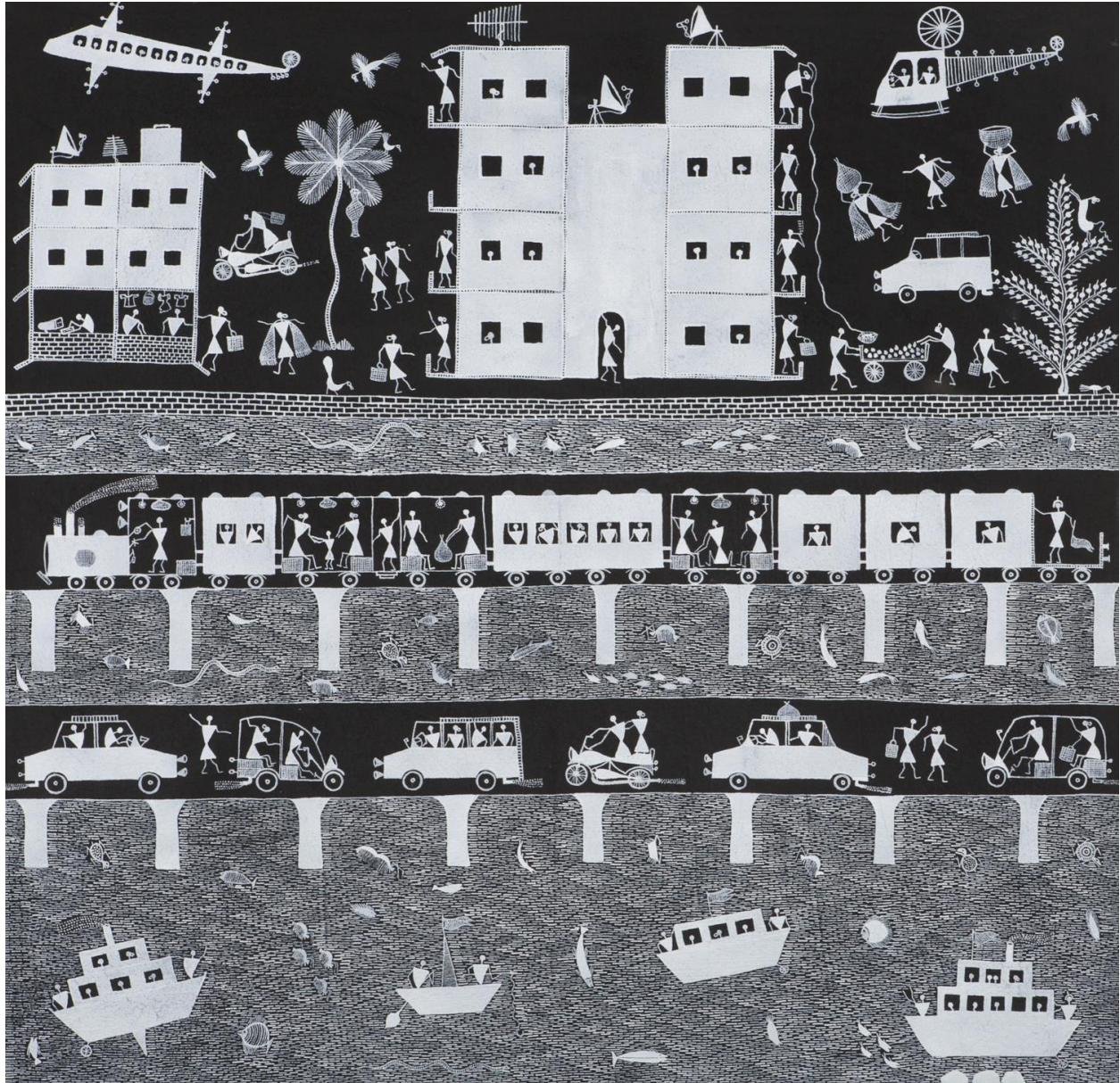


Warli is an indigenous art form made by people who are also called Warli. Most of the population lives in Maharashtra and some near Gujarat border. Their paintings revolve around the traditions of their communities, the tools they use and their association with nature. Common themes include hunting, weddings, dancing, farming etc.

Artist Jivya Soma Mashe popularised this art form and took it to a global platform. From the traditional method of painting on walls, he started making these on paper and canvas.

Overtime, with urbanisation, Warli artists started painting cars, trucks, bridges in their paintings and even made cityscapes in their own style.

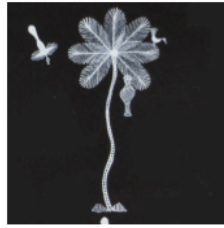
Here is a Mumbai cityscape that highlights some iconic elements of the city like the Arabian sea with boats, the buildings of Mumbai, the taxi and autorickshaw and its local train!



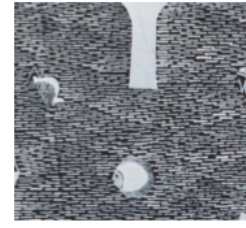
Let's look closely at some details of this painting



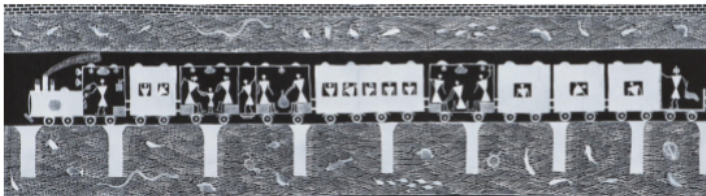
Human figures are drawn with a circle for the head, two triangles for the body and lines for limbs. Females are drawn with a hair bun.



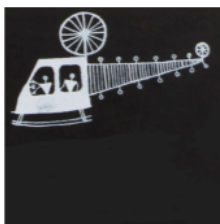
These are palm and peepal trees. You can easily recognise them because of their leaves. The trees in Warli paintings are usually drawn freestyle.



The waves of the sea are drawn with dashes.



The train, ships and the buildings are made using quadrilaterals.



How cool is the helicopter? Drawn with a quadrilateral, circle and triangle only!

Hope you have noticed other small details like clothes hanging in the building, a woman buying vegetables from the top floor by hanging down a basket and the railway guard waving a flag!

Now it's time to create your Warli piece.

Step 1:

Think of the iconic elements of your city- it could be a building, a famous monument or even a mode of transport. Make a list and think of what you want to include in your cityscape.

Step 2:

Now think of the flora and fauna in your city. Does it have lakes, is it along the coast, are there mountains and hills, what trees does it have? What about birds and animals?

Step 3:

Take inspiration from the Warli painting you just saw and bring in all your ideas together to create a warli edition of your own city!



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