

How big?

A painting can be just about any size. It depends on the artist, where the picture is for, how it is made and what its purpose is.

Tiny paintings

Hundreds of years ago, before there were photos, wealthy people used to carry round tiny paintings called miniatures. It was a bit like having a photo in your wallet.



Wall paintings

These **frescoes** cover the whole wall of the church they are in: in fact, they are part of it! Frescoes are painted when the plaster on the wall is still wet, so they last as long as the walls themselves.



Huge paintings

Some paintings are big because that looks best. This colour painting is over two metres tall.



Picasso made this painting called *Guernica* enormous because he was so angry about the bombing it shows.

