

Metropolitan Museum of Art gets Google Doodle treatment for 151st anniversary

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Google is celebrating the 151st anniversary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art with a doodle showcasing the institution's most important pieces of work.

Each letter in the Google logo has been replaced with a different piece of art, as images in each space change to show a new painting or sculpture. Underneath is a recreation of the museum itself surrounded by trees in Central Park.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art was founded and incorporated in 1870 after acquiring its first piece, a Roman sarcophagus, according to a history of The Met from Google.

The New York museum has more than 1.5 million permanent objects in its collection, spanning over 5,000 years, including works from artists including Rembrandt, Vincent Van Gogh, and Claude Monet.

Erich Nagler, who created the doodle, said he wanted to recreate the feeling of visiting the museum.

"Now that many museums are re-opening with [safety precautions](#) in mind, it feels like the right moment to celebrate one of the world's most iconic art institutions," said Nagler in the Google post.

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