

# Vincent Van Gogh Pop Box

**Ball of yarn/thread-** Vincent had a Japanese lacquered box that he kept knots of wool in. The different color balls of wool were used to make up combinations of complementary colors, that he used in his experiments of the uses of color.

**The Starry Night painted ear-** After a fight with his best friend Paul Gauguin, Vincent cut off his right ear. The ear is painted like one of his famous paintings, “Starry Night”.

**The Starry Night painted wooden clog-** Wooden clogs were the standard wear for peasants working in the wheat fields, which were the center of many of Van Gogh’s paintings. Also for van Gogh, wooden clogs were the symbols of the land and simple life.

**Wheat-** The wheat represents many things in Van Gogh’s life. Van Gogh loved sitting in the wheat fields painting the peasants harvesting wheat. Vincent van Gogh also shot himself in the stomach as a suicide attempt in the wheat fields.

**Sunflower tie-** The tie is a copy of one of Vincent’s famous paintings, known as the “Fourteen Sunflowers”. During the summer of 1888, Vincent went through what he called “the high yellow note” stage where he painted at least five almost entirely yellow paintings of sunflowers. He also painted his yellow house, in which he had a yellow room.

**Lend an ear... note pad-** The note pad is just another object that represents Van Gogh’s cut off ear.

**Van Gogh Museum tickets-** The two tickets are admission tickets to The Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, where Van Gogh’s famous paintings are on display.



**Bookmark (Van Gogh Museum)-** The bookmark is a souvenir from the Van Gogh Museum. It has Japanese prints on it, which van Gogh was very interested in. Van Gogh was influenced by Japanese prints.

**My First Art Book-** The little book has pictures that are details from paintings by Vincent Van Gogh; such as the lamp from “The potato eaters”, the house, from ‘The yellow House”, the flowerpot from the “Flowerpot with chives” and many more.

**Post cards of Van Gogh’s famous paintings-** The four postcards are copies of some of Van Gogh’s famous paintings (Sunflowers, Starry Night, The church, and Self-portrait with felt hat).

**Self-Portrait note cards-** Vincent liked to paint many self-portraits of him in different moods and at different places. These note cards show four of his self-portraits.

**“Films that do artists justice” newspaper article-** The article talks about different films that tell about different artists, and one such film known as “Vincent & Theo”, that is about Vincent and his brother Theo.

**The post card of the grave stones-** The post card is a picture of Vincent and Theo’s gravestones that are right next to each other. A year after Vincent committed suicide and died on July 29, 1890, his younger brother Theo committed suicide after he couldn’t cope with his older brother’s death. Vincent Van Gogh was only 37 years old when he died.