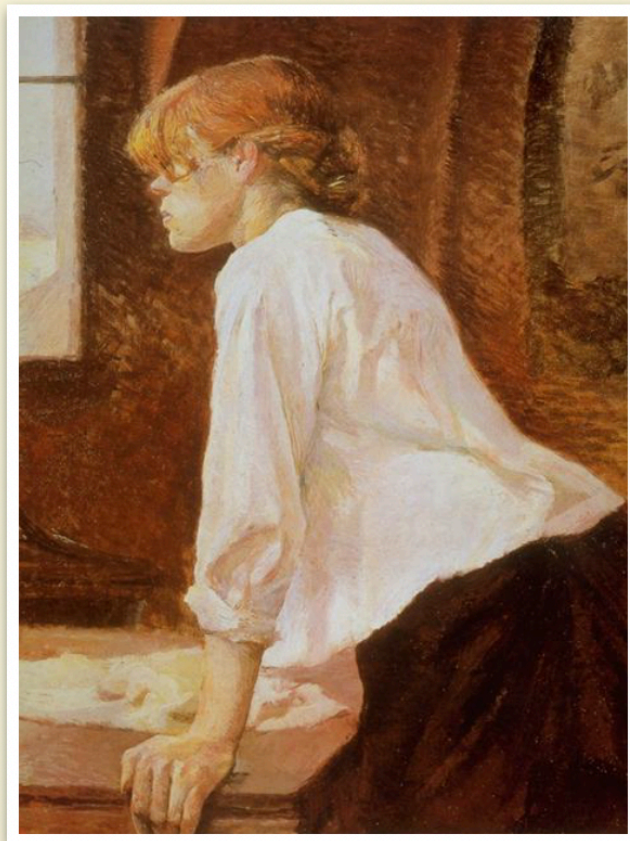


Sometimes artists like to paint about things that happen in everyday life. The women in these paintings are both busy doing household chores.

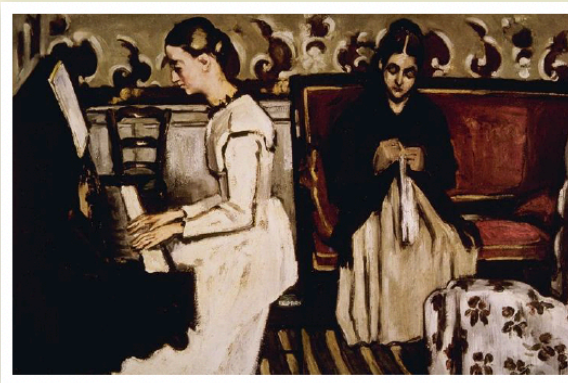
The painting on the right was done by Edgar Degas. Degas was the first person to make finished paintings using pastel, which is like a soft chalk. He liked to paint his family and friends doing everyday work. Can you tell that the woman is ironing clothes?



Degas, Detail from *Woman Ironing*, 1869



Toulouse-Lautrec, *The Laundress*, 1884



Cézanne, *Girl at the Piano*, circa 1868

The painting above shows a woman playing the piano and the other knitting.

The woman in the painting on the left is working on the laundry. What do you think she is doing? What might she be looking at?