

Lesson #32 FANTASTIC, FUNKY FACES - A SELF-PORTRAIT

Grade: 5-12

Description/Objective

Here's a fun spin on the self-portrait, using lots of colors and even more imagination.

Time

1 hour and 15 minutes

Materials

Paper to draw your self-portrait on (we used square, bright-colored card stock)

A larger, brightly colored paper to mount your portrait

Pencil

Soft pastels –OR- crayons, oil pastels, watercolor or felt tip markers

Spray adhesive or Aquanet hairspray-if using soft pastels

Scissors

Glue

Procedure

1. Draw yourself with pencil first, be sure to use up the whole paper, a hand mirror helps while creating your portrait, don't forget your eyebrows, hair, eyelashes and ears.
2. Use scissors to cut your portrait in half, up the middle of your lips, nose and between your eyes. A nice wavy cut looks great. Take one half at a time and cut your picture into fourths.
4. Put the four pieces in a stack. Working one piece at a time. Here is your chance to have those pink eyelashes and green hair you always dreamed about, how about some purple skin. Use your imagination. Each piece should have different hair, skin and eye color. Don't neglect the space around your face either, make each piece different than the others.
5. If you are using soft pastels have an adult spray each piece as you finish with a fixative or hairspray.
6. Using the larger piece of paper, center your portrait pieces, mount your portrait "puzzle" by gluing then in their proper places to the larger paper. Hang up your funky self-portrait for all to enjoy!