

Family Art from Home

Funny Free-form Face

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Create a humorous portrait- no drawing skills required! Add a decorative frame to make your portrait display-ready.

Supplies Needed

- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Acrylic or tempera paint- any colors you choose
- Paintbrush
- Colored or decorative paper

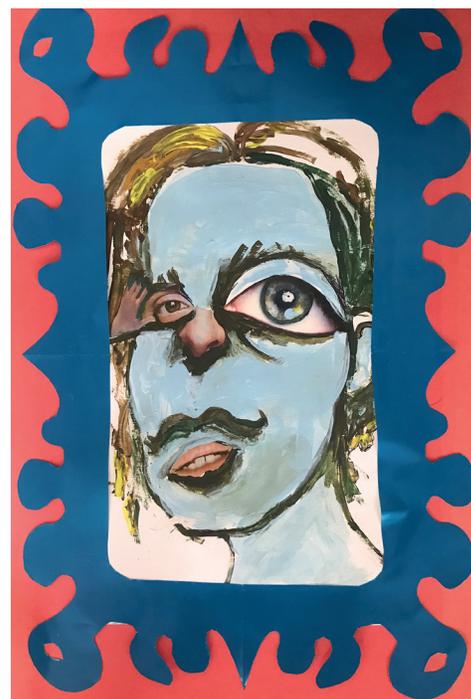
How to Do It!

MAKING THE FACE

1. Find a variety of facial features from magazines and cut out different sizes of eyes, noses, and mouths that might not typically be paired together. Hands are also a great expressive addition to your character. Remember to be spontaneous and playful in your choices!
2. Once the facial features are arranged glue them to your paper. Choose a color of paint to add a few shadows and/or outlines for the face and neck. There's no need to be realistic here!
3. Choose a second color of paint (you can mix your own) and fill in the blank spaces on the page with it. Try using your non-dominant hand or even finger-painting at this stage to release your inhibitions. Enjoy spreading the paint and look for unusual and fun textures and effects in your results.
4. Add details like hair or accessories using the paint of your choice.

MAKING THE FRAME

1. Fold your paper first lengthwise and then widthwise without unfolding it. This will give you a smaller rectangle.
2. To make the opening in the frame, cut the inside corner of the folded paper out, either by making a rounded or straight cut from one folded edge to the other. You can unfold the paper to see if you have the right size and shape to showcase your portrait, and refold and cut as needed.
3. With your frame folded, cut along the outer edge of your frame, creating fanciful, curvy lines.
4. Open frame and glue to your portrait, making sure to cover all of the edges on the back of your frame in glue and sealing it down onto your portrait.
5. Time to admire your work of art!



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