

Family Art from Home

Glue and Oil Pastel Portraits

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Put your pencil away and grab some glue to draw an expressive portrait of yourself or someone you know.

Supplies Needed

- Black Construction Paper
- Elmer's glue
- Oil Pastels
- Pencil (optional)

How to Do It

Note: This project is done in two steps with several hours of drying time between.

1. On black construction paper, use a thick line of Elmer's glue to draw your portrait. If you prefer to start with a light pencil outline here, do that first. Make a front facing portrait, 3/4, or a profile. You can even extend the portrait off of the page. Create patterns both on the figure and in the background. The most important thing is to use **thick** lines of glue so that you end up with a bold black line once it dries. See photo.

2. When the glue is completely dry, simply fill in the open areas, making sure to press hard with the oil pastels to create even areas of color. Try to color right up to the dried glue line so you emphasize the black outline. Consider layering various colors of oil pastel to create more variety. See photo.

3. When you are done, show your pride in your accomplishment by signing your portrait!



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