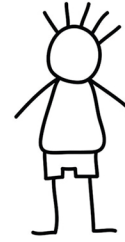


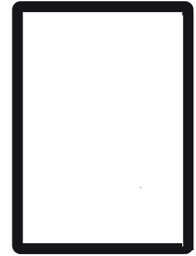
# Make a self-portrait



Use a mirror to take a close look at the placement and shapes of your facial features – and then put your own artistic spin on your self-portrait.

## What you'll need

- \* Mirror
- \* Crayons or colored pencils
- \* Paper. Consider using graph paper to align the features and take a shape-based approach (like triangle for nose, etc.).



## How to do it

- \* Look at yourself closely in the mirror. Ask yourself: What is the shape of your face? Is it oval or egg shaped? More square or rectangular or trapezoidal? Round like a circle? Like an upside-down triangle? Draw the outline of your face. (Leave room on the page to draw your neck and shoulders.)
- \* Now look at your eyes. Where are they located? Observe the color and shape of your eyes (almond-shaped, for example). Draw your eyes.
- \* Examine where your nose is in relation to your eyes and mouth. Do your ears start at eye level and extend below nose level? Draw your nose, mouth, and ears.
- \* What other features do you want to add, such as eyebrows, hair, teeth, dimples, or birthmarks? Add them.
- \* Draw your neck and shoulders.
- \* To finish your self-portrait, draw a background – either where you are now or somewhere you imagine being.

## Questions to answer

How does your self-portrait differ from a picture of you?

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Did thinking about your facial features in terms of shapes help you draw? Why?

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