

FACE IT

Create a self-portrait using a variety of art techniques and styles. Explore building a truthful representation of yourself by cutting construction paper into facial contour lines.

AGE: Teens

TIMEFRAME: 30-45 Minutes

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Construction paper (skin-toned colors)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Cardstock canvas
- Mirror (optional)

VALUES:

- Respect yourself + each other
- Respect your space + materials
- Respect your art + express yourself



Watch the video tutorial at <https://youtu.be/FnaIQ5kk6FI>

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Prep all materials and art space. Supplies needed are listed above.



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Observe Your Reflection:

Take a moment to look at your reflection in the mirror or photos of your face. Notice the shapes, textures, contours and characters that live within your face. Think about who you are, how you are feeling and find your truths. Express your facial emotions as you think about different experiences and choose an emotion that you would like to express through the art project.

Choose Colors + Facial Features:

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Choose paper colors that you feel will best represent you and the parts of your face. Then, look at the proportions of your face in comparison to your eyes, nose and mouth. Notice the widths and heights of the different elements of your face.

Create a Contour Frame:

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To create your self-portrait, you'll be using scissors to cut out shapes representing the contours (outlines) and solid shapes of the different parts of your face – nose, eyes, mouth, eyebrows, etc. Start by creating the contour of your face – forehead and chin. Attach it to your cardstock canvas with glue.



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Add Facial Features:

Build the other parts of your face and add them on with glue, piece by piece. When finished, display your self-portrait wherever you desire!



HOW WAS IT?

Thank you for taking part in this activity! Do you have any suggestions or questions you'd like to share with us at the Museum? Email education@thinkplaycreate.org.

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