

Rosie's Art Sessions- Draw a Portrait

Things you will need

- Paper
- Graphite pencil
- Coloured pencils [if you wish]
- These facts give the basic proportions to use as a guide when you draw a portrait. They can be tested and stretched to be as creative as you wish.
- Young children delight in drawing faces so rather than introducing basic proportions looking at facial features and seeing where they fit is a better approach.
- Remember we are all unique and so are our drawings.

Drawing Facts about Faces

Measurements don't have to be exact. This is just a quick drawing exercise to get you starting to look at faces before you draw from life.

1. Draw an oval shape for a face
2. Draw a line horizontally through the middle of the oval
3. Draw a line vertically down the centre of the oval
4. Draw the eyes [leaving one eye width between the eyes] on the horizontal middle line.
5. Draw the eyebrows wider than the eyes
6. Draw a horizontal line at the halfway mark between the eyes and the chin
7. Draw the nose finishing on this halfway line
8. Draw the ears with the top of the ears in line with the top of the eye
9. The bottom of the ear in line with the tip of the nose
10. Draw a horizontal line halfway between the tip of the nose and the chin
11. Draw the mouth with the bottom of the lip resting on this line
12. Have fun drawing the hair.

Now with a blank piece of paper and with a friend or photo sitting in front of you start to draw.

- Don't measure or draw lines just recall where features are placed and look closely.
- Drawing a face is a bit like doing a jigsaw puzzle, look for curves or lines that fit together.