

DRAWING CHALLENGE: ONE-LINE PORTRAIT



This exercise is called a blind contour drawing and is used by artists of all ages to practice and improve their observational skills.

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This activity can be done alone or with someone else, either in person or through video chat!

Materials: Paper and a writing tool like a marker, colored pencil, or crayon

DRAW

1. Sit in front of a mirror with paper and writing tool.
2. Look at your face and think how to draw it
3. Now place your writing tool on the paper and start drawing
4. The challenge: Continue to draw by looking at your face, but don't look at your drawing or lift the writing tool off the paper!
5. Keep looking at your face and make sure to get all the details!
6. Once you're done, look at what you made!
7. What do you think? If it doesn't look exactly like you, that's OK. It's not supposed to be perfect!



Alternative: Draw an object in your home—or a family member!

You can even video chat with family or friends and create a blind drawing from your screen!

DESIGN & COLOR

1. Now that you've created a new one-line drawing, you can add a background by drawing any patterns you choose!
2. Congratulations, you've created your own coloring page! Color it in!



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